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READ letter No 2352, dated 10th instant, from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the Administration of Civil Justice during the year 1886

READ also the District and Divisional Reports.

RESOLUTION.

Courts

The Central Provinces Civil Courts' Act, 1885, came into force on the 1st January 1886; and, as the necessary Notifications had issued in December, the changes contemplated in the Act were introduced from that date. The two main improvements introduced by the Act are, (1) that power is given to appoint Judicial Assistants, invested with all or any of the powers of the Commissioner, Civil Judges with all or any of the powers of the Deputy Commissioner, and Munsifs with all or any of the powers of the Tahsildar; and (2) a change regarding the venue of appeals, whereby all appeals from decrees in original suits passed by Courts subordinate to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner lie to that Court when the value of the suit does not exceed Rs. 1,000. The Local Government is now able to regulate the powers of the Civil Judge in accordance with the requirements of the district to which he is posted. Six of these officers have been appointed to relieve the Deputy Commissioners of six of the heaviest districts. On the other hand, Commissioners also have been relieved of some of their appellate work by the Courts of the Deputy Commissioners. Tahsildars in fifteen of the heaviest tahsils have been relieved by the appointment of Munsifs. The relief thus afforded to the different classes of officers above mentioned had become most necessary from the increasing importance of their executive functions. The Chief Commissioner is doubtful from what he has seen whether it has been carried far enough, especially in the case of Deputy Commissioners. The great necessity that exists for the exercise of a more thorough control by the Deputy Commissioner over every part of the District administration has been forced on Mr. Mackenzie's attention; and he regards it as most injurious to the efficiency of the general administration of the province that Deputy Commissioners should anywhere be over-burdened with judicial work The great advantage of the Act is that it is so drawn as to enable the Government to take from time to time the necessary steps for relieving executive officers of judicial work so far as financial considerations may permit and the development of the Province dictate. Mr. Mackenzie observes with interest that in two districts Civil powers were exercised by two non-official gentlemen with the titles of Honorary Assistant and Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioner, respectively. In a province where Native gentlemen are so ready to work as Honorary Magistrates and perform their duties both diligently and efficiently, the Chief Commissioner sees no reason why assistance in this shape should not be more freely accepted on the Civil side also.

2. There has been again a general increase in litigation. The figures are 1,12,965 for 1886 against 1,04,904 in 1885, an increase of 7·7 per cent. This increase appears to the Judicial Commissioner to be generally due to the advance of trade in the province. Only the districts of Bhandara, Wardha and Balaghat show decrease. The increase is over 20 per cent in Bilaspur, Raipur, Mandla and Seoni. It appears also that the increase has been confined to no particular value of suits, as the percentages of suits of each value to the total number of suits (shown in Table O) is the same as for 1885. In regard to the description of suits, the increase is found to have affected (1) suits for money or moveable property and (2) suits between landlord and tenant pretty equally, while (3) title and other suits show a slight decrease. The increase under the first of these heads is mainly under the sub-divisions of suits on written contract (49,820 against 46,220) and suits for goods sold (10,486 against 9,217), suits mainly affected by the state of trade.

Litigation.

Table A. shows that the general increase in litigation has been steady and continuous since 1862, when the total number of suits instituted in the province was 24,666 as against 1,12,965 in 1886. The advance has been nearly as marked in the remoter districts like Seoni, Mandla and Balaghat, as in those upon the Railway lines: and there can be no doubt that it is, speaking generally, indicative of the progress which all parts of the Central Provinces are making. Civilisation and litigation in India, as in most other countries, always advance together.

3. Tenancy litigation, it is shown, grows steadily, the figures for the last three years being 7,283, 8,429 and 9,251 respectively. The figures may be thus shown in detail :—

	1884.		1885.		1886.	
	Number.	Percentage of total litigation.	Number	Percentage of total litigation.	Number.	Percentage of total litigation.
Suits for arrears of rent ...	5,749	5·7	6,429	6·1	7,167	6·3
Other suits between Landlord and Tenant.	1,534	1·5	2,000	1·9	2,084	1·8
Total ...	7,283	7·2	8,429	8·0	9,251	8·2

The increase has thus been almost entirely in suits for arrears of rent. This increase has been most marked in the following districts :—

		1885.	1886.
Nagpur	...	740	882
Chanda	...	200	293
Wardha	...	533	640
Jubbulpore	...	456	606
Raipur	...	454	651
Bilaspur	...	275	363

The Deputy Commissioner of Chanda finds "nothing worthy of special mention" in the figures, and gives no explanation. The Deputy Commissioner of Jubbulpore gives the explanation quoted in paragraph 11 of the Report, to the effect that it is due to the confusion arising from the recent reorganization of the patwari arrangements—an explanation which the Chief Commissioner concurs with the Judicial Commissioner in thinking not quite satisfactory. All the other four Deputy Commissioners attribute the increase in whole or in part to the partial failure of harvests. This is the view which was taken by Mr. Fitzpatrick, who wrote in March last (*vide* paragraph 17 of his Resolution on the Revenue Administration for 1885-86) :—"Suits for arrears of rent were "rather more numerous than in the preceding year, as might have been expec-"ted from the character of the season." In respect to the other classes of suits, the Chief Commissioner is inclined to accept the view put forward by the Deputy Commissioners of Raipur and Bilaspur that the survey which has been in progress in these two districts, and the enquiries which have been made in the course of preparing the records have made people take closer stock of their position and have thus led to an increase in suits for ejectment and for recovery of possession with a view to securing favourable entries in the Settlement papers. The decrease in Sambalpur is no doubt apparently inconsistent with this view; but there are special circumstances in connection with the position of Gaontias in that district which may explain in part at least its anomalous figures, and justify the remark of the Deputy Commissioner there, that the settlement has had the effect of withdrawing from the ordinary Courts matters which would otherwise have gone before them. In regard to the province generally the Chief Commissioner has pleasure in quoting Mr. Fitzpatrick's remark that "on the whole, and subject to certain limited exceptions, "it appears that the relations between landlords and tenants are satisfactory."

Distribution of work.

4. Despite the increase in litigation the work was more easily overtaken in 1886 than in the preceding year owing to the operation of the provisions of the Civil Courts' Act. The distribution of suits disposed of among the different classes of Courts was as follows :—

	1885.	1886.
Small Cause Courts	12,204	13,826
Naib-Tahsildars	47,611	34,319
Munsifs	6,638	27,054
Tahsildars	26,881	22,249
Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges	12,303	13,381
Deputy Commissioners	240	177
Total ...	105,877	111,006

This shows a marked decrease in the number of cases disposed of by Deputy Commissioners, Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars accompanied by a more than corresponding increase in the number of cases disposed of by Assistant

Commissioners and Munsifs. If we turn to the figures for appeals we find similarly that the operation of the Act has relieved Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of a good deal of work. The figures are :—

Appeals to	1885	1886
Commissioners	636	333
Deputy Commissioners	4,559	3,874
Civil Judges	1,426	1,919
Total ...	6,621	6,126

There was a decrease of 500 in the total number of appeals; and in addition to this 500 more were transferred to Civil Judges from the Commissioners' and Deputy Commissioners' Courts. These high executive officers were thus relieved of nearly 1,000 cases, or about 20 per cent of their appellate work. These are satisfactory results in regard to both original and appellate work, especially as the Judicial Commissioner is able to report that "the Civil "Judges have, so far as he has observed, done their work satisfactorily." The Chief Commissioner is well aware that the Judicial Commissioner loses no opportunity of observing the work of the subordinate Courts and exercises constant supervision and control, so that this testimony is specially valuable.

Disposal of work

5. The Chief Commissioner would invite the special attention of the Courts to the remarks of the Judicial Commissioner regarding (1) cases dismissed for default, paragraph 14; (2) long duration of cases and high percentage of hearings, paragraph 18; (3) the issue of commissions, paragraphs 19 and 20; and (4) appellate work, paragraph 28 Not only would it be far more conducive to the public interest but it would also greatly lighten the heavy work of the Judges themselves, if they would make a vigorous effort to master the facts of cases from the first and to carry them through with energy to the close. The Chief Commissioner especially desires to record his concurrence with the remarks made by the Judicial Commissioner regarding appeals at the close of paragraph 28. These remarks embody the decision of the Judicial Commissioner on an important point of appellate practice; and they claim the observance of the Courts. The Chief Commissioner is inclined to think that separate orders should issue in regard to such matters as the above, as they are apt to be soon lost sight of if only embodied in an annual report.

6. In conclusion the Chief Commissioner desires to record the obligations under which the Administration lies to Mr R J Crosthwaite for much good work done during the year, and for an interesting and useful report.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Judicial Commissioner; and that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual.

(True Extract.)

A. H. L. FRASER,

Offg. Secretary.

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FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT,

Central Provinces.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 16th March 1887.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Judicial (Civil) Statements for the year 1886 with the following remarks:—

(A).—TRIBUNALS.

1. The Central Provinces Civil Courts' Act (Act XVI. of 1885) came into force on the 1st January. The constitution of our Courts remains substantially the same as before, but the Local Government is given power to appoint Judicial Assistants invested with all or any of the powers of the Court of the Commissioner, Civil Judges, invested with all or any of the powers of the Court of the Deputy Commissioner, and Munsifs, invested with all or any of the powers of the Court of the Tahsildar. Appeals from decrees passed in original suits by Courts subordinate to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner lie to that Court when the value of the suit does not exceed one thousand rupees. It has not been necessary to appoint a Judicial Assistant, but a Civil Judge was appointed, in each of the districts of Nagpur, Jubbulpore, Wardha, Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur and Raipur, and 15 Munsifs were also appointed. The power which the Government now has of regulating the powers of the Civil Judge in accordance with the requirements of the district to which he may be appointed, has been found much more convenient than the old law under which if the Deputy Commissioner required assistance it was necessary to invest an officer with all the powers of the Deputy Commissioner. The change in the law as regards the venue of appeals has also given relief to the Commissioner.

2. Arrangements were made in anticipation of the coming in force of the Act, and the necessary notifications were issued in December, limiting the powers of Tahsildars, arranging how the appellate work should be distributed in those districts in which Civil Judges were appointed, and defining the area to which the jurisdiction of each subordinate Court should extend. The powers which each individual officer was to exercise under the new Act were also gazetted at the same time.

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Besides the new appointments already noted the principal changes made during the year are as follows :—

In the Mandla district a Naib-Tahsildar's Court was opened at Mandla and in the Hoshangabad district a Naib-Tahsildar's Court was opened at Harda, in order to give the Tahsildar more time for executive duties.

In the Raipur district an unpaid Judge, the young Chief of Nandgaon, Honorary Assistant Commissioner, exercised Civil powers during the year, and in the Nimar district Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioner Mr. Balwant Rao Bhuskute, exercised similar powers for a short time.

	1885	1886
Court of Judicial Commissioner	1	1
Do Commissioner	4	4
Do. Deputy Commissioner	18	18
Do Civil Judges	0	6
Do. Assistant Commissioner	37	32
Do. Tahsildar	64	50
Do Munsiff	0	14
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The Courts open at the close of the year are shewn in the margin.

3. Under Act XVIII. of 1879 (the Legal Practitioners Act) as amended by Act IX. of 1884, the Judicial Commissioner is given power to enrol advocates. With the approval of the Chief Commissioner, the Judicial Commissioner made a rule providing for the enrolment as advocates of (*a*) members of the English or Irish Bar and members of the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland, and (*b*) vakils now or hereafter entered on the roll of any High Court and who have ordinarily practised for a period of not less than 5 years in a High Court. Under this rule 12 gentlemen have been enrolled as advocates of the High Court of these Provinces.

The Local Bar now consists of 12 advocates (of whom 7 are barristers), and 83 pleaders, distributed as follows :—

Nagpur	24	Jubbulpore	14	Seoni	1
Bhandara	4	Saugor	5	Hoshangabad	11
Wardha	8	Rehli	1	Harda	4
Arvi	1	Damoh	3	Narsinghpur	8
Khandwa	2	Burhanpur	1	Raipur	6
Sambalpur	1	Bilaspur	1		

At the examination of Local candidates for admission as pleaders held at Nagpur in October under Act XVIII. of 1879 seven candidates were successful. During the year 2 pleaders, Mr. Trimbuk Rao Nilkant and Mr. Durga Pershad, were appointed Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

4. The Courts were open on 252 days during the year. The holidays are detailed in the margin.

Holidays.	
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(B).—Extent and character of Litigation.

I.—Number of Suits.

5. Of the two following tables, Table A. shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the provinces, for each year commencing with 1862: Table B. gives for the last five years the like statistics for each place

TABLE A.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1886.

Year.	Nagpur. District.	Nagpur. City Small Cause Court.	Nagpur. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee.	Nagpur. Total.	Chanda.	Bhandara.	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore. District.	Jubbulpore. City Small Cause Court.	Jubbulpore. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Jubbulpore. Total.	Saugor. District.	Saugor. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Saugor. Total.	Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar. District.	Nimar. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh.	Nimar. Total.	Narsingapur.	Chhindwara.	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
1862 ...	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658	...	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914	806	760	369	2,016	1,058	...	...	...	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,666
1863 ...	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,634	592	...	1,385	1,321	686	3,392	2,380	572	2,952	973	729	201	2,202	[illegible]	...	...	...	2,691	1,038	820	222	201	35	26,305
1864 ...	2,647	1,622	1,766	6,045	716	1,692	490	...	1,230	1,683	612	3,525	2,109	1,161	3,270	1,280	859	354	3,183	1,288	4,398	...	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	42	32,697
1865 ...	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076	927	...	1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450	1,343	1,377	563	5,887	1,156	3,354	...	3,354	3,558	1,303	1,573	1,781	695	66	39,254
1866 ...	3,386	2,320	1,017	6,723	1,021	2,420	1,216	...	1,495	1,636	481	3,522	2,988	720	3,708	1,185	1,289	421	5,379	1,194	7,561	...	7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	163	45,250
1867 ...	3,300	3,239	1,323	8,002	1,219	2,934	1,893	303	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113	1,263	1,799	380	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1868 ...	4,556	4,060	2,083	10,709	1,636	2,798	3,057	810	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	3,612	559	4,171	1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,558
1869 ...	4,529	4,415	3,454	13,398	2,006	2,814	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887	1,387	1,760	528	5,068	2,354	7,854	293	8,147	4,535	3,340	1,982	1,298	886	159	63,137
1870 ...	5,648	4,880	3,407	13,935	2,587	3,596	4,277	727	1,725	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695	2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,689	165	7,854	5,657	4,027	3,123	1,866	959	289	72,183
1871 ...	6,751	5,300	2,594	14,651	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	463	5,240	3,132	699	3,831	2,619	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	8,551	118	8,669	6,385	3,616	3,194	2,381	1,112	286	78,088
1872 ...	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,072	3,122	5,485	989	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324	1,904	1,343	679	7,219	3,249	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	2,641	2,561	1,087	277	73,955
1873 ...	6,315	5,700	2,428	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411	1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,808	147	7,955	6,369	3,633	2,657	2,081	1,427	252	74,594
1874 ...	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,039	2,707	6,839	1,319	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,328	302	3,630	1,450	1,744	690	7,522	2,983	7,480	90	7,570	6,265	3,729	3,662	2,085	1,337	179	76,639
1875 ...	7,310	5,993	2,835	16,138	2,235	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,381	281	3,662	1,863	1,541	630	7,927	3,225	8,202	62	8,270	5,756	4,464	3,358	2,043	1,354	169	78,777
1876 ...	9,152	7,455	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,159	1,581	2,205	2,037	430	4,672	3,719	399	4,018	1,666	1,477	624	8,331	3,390	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4,838	2,885	1,812	108	86,265
1877 ...	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,681	6,490	1,795	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490	1,841	1,940	772	8,344	3,210	7,469	97	7,566	5,146	3,969	5,326	2,868	1,784	137	88,484
1878 ...	9,105	8,301	3,493	20,899	2,754	3,074	4,549	2,300	2,437	2,508	454	5,399	3,810	297	4,107	1,815	1,500	557	7,175	2,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,390	4,790	2,576	1,738	...	79,783
1879 ...	10,411	7,844	2,939	21,194	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,339	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3,474	2,345	1,640	847	8,372	3,268	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,481	2,533	...	87,862
1880 ...	10,909	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,841	6,591	1,446	2,790	2,664	399	5,853	3,241	223	3,464	2,364	1,751	646	7,082	3,069	7,736	66	7,802	4,568	3,844	6,332	3,552	2,893	...	91,379
1881 ...	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,798	3,039	2,696	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265	2,019	1,940	650	7,213	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,646	6,426	4,005	2,946	...	89,903
1882 ...	9,731	6,758	1,931	18,420	4,683	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378	1,636	1,894	803	7,449	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,623	6,018	3,780	3,408	...	92,648
1883 ...	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355	1,822	2,339	958	7,587	2,238	6,960	22	6,982	5,528	3,696	5,922	3,714	3,847	...	89,470
1884 ...	10,621	5,758	1,999	18,378	5,156	6,590	7,540	2,762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479	2,017	2,034	936	7,575	2,730	7,982	42	8,024	5,639	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,365	...	1,01,193
1885 ...	11,126	6,662	1,799	19,587	4,796	6,087	8,918	2,768	4,372	2,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185	2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,386	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,590	4,498	3,840	...	* 1,04,904
1886 ...	11,695	7,926	1,966	21,587	5,107	5,893	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,382	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195	3,034	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,864	8,373	5,789	3,988	...	† 1,12,965

Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1886.

	Nagpur. District.	Nagpur. City Small Cause Court.	Nagpur. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee.	Nagpur. Total.	Chanda.	Bhandara.	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore. District.	Jubbulpore. City Small Cause Court.	Jubbulpore. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Jubbulpore. Total.	Saugor. District.	Saugor. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Saugor. Total.	Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar. District.	Nimar. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh.	Nimar. Total.	Narsingapur.	Chhindwara.	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	1	...	...	...	...							...				...	...	...	...	...				...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Courts of the Commissioner	1	...	...	...	...							1				...	...	...	...	1				..	...	...	1	...	...	4
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner	1	1	1	1	1							1				1	1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Courts of Civil Judges	1	...	...	1	...							1				...	...	...	...	1				...	1	...	...	...	1	6
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner	1	2	2	2	1							2				3	1	1	1	3	1			3	1	1	4	2	1	32
Courts of the Tahsildars	4	4	3	3	2							3				4	2	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	4	3	2	50
Courts of the Munsiffs (Additional Tahsildars)	3	...	...	3	...							...				1	...	...	...	3	...			1	2	...	1	...	1	15
Courts of the Naib Tahsildar	1	3	3	...	1							2				2	2	1	1	3	2			2	...	2	3	3	1	32
Small Cause Courts & Registrars' Courts.	4	...	...	...	...							3				1	...	...	...	...	...			1	...	...	...	...	...	8
Total ...	17	10	9	10	5							12				12	6	5	5	16	6			10	7	6	14	9	7	166

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

Where one or more Civil Courts are established.

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and in each Tahsil of the Central Provinces from 1882 to 1886.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur	2,246	2,313	3,005	2,830	3,010
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur ...	6,758	5,622	5,758	6,662	7,926
	Total ...	9,004	7,935	8,763	9,492	10,936
	Kampteo	1,931	1,943	1,999	1,799	1,966
	Katol	1,487	1,162	1,742	2,260	2,849
	Ramtek	2,026	1,889	1,943	2,290	3,576
	Saoner*	1,794	2,087	1,810	1,552	...
	Umrer	2,178	1,770	2,121	2,194	2,260
Chanda ...	Chanda	951	745	578	507	444
	Warora	1,833	1,471	2,141	2,028	2,121
	Mul .. .	689	854	1,253	1,138	1,239
	Brahmapuri	1,106	768	1,073	1,016	1,173
	Sironcha Sub-division ...	110	62	111	107	130
Bhandara .	Bhandara .. .	2,439	2,263	2,146	2,548	2,650
	Tirora	2,353	2,098	3,269	2,360	1,960
	Sakoli . .	1,237	738	1,175	1,179	1,283
Wardha .	Wardha	3,679	3,212	3,539	4,393	3,980
	Arvi	2,581	1,776	1,991	2,270	2,098
	Hinganghat	2,057	1,830	2,010	2,255	2,492
Balaghat ...	Burha	1,824	1,822	2,500	2,551	2,310
	Bohir	99	192	262	217	199
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore	1,090	1,152	1,520	1,883	1,910
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore.	2,760	2,628	2,945	2,906	3,382
	Do do Cantonment ...	341	324	461	497	520
	Total ...	4,191	4,104	4,926	5,286	5,812
	Murwara	561	576	821	1,207	1,303
	Sihora	1,373	1,185	1,363	1,228	1,438

* The Court at Saoner was closed in October, 1885.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted				
		1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Saugor ...	Saugor	1,458	1,884	2,091	2,396	2,511
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ..	167	194	144	148	214
	Kurai	760	935	963	1,260	1,135
	Rehli	718	930	809	792	823
	Banda	275	412	472	589	512
Damoh ..	Damoh	1,548	1,842	1,545	1,811	2,169
	Hatta	346	497	489	615	676
Seoni ...	Seoni	1,151	1,250	1,509	1,300	2,001
	Lakhnadon	475	572	508	629	1,038
Mandla ...	Mandla	709	769	805	1,082	1,417
	Ramgarh	94	189	131	183	174
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad	2 210	2,227	2,570	2,984	3,290
	Seoni	881	905	890	807	1,090
	Harda	3,118	2,655	2,609	2,628	1,923
	Sohagpur ...	1,175	1,667	1,485	1,517	1,764
	Pachmarhi Sub-division ..	65	133	21	96	95
Betul ...	Betul	1,909	1,432	1,800	2,002	2,076
	Multai	1,040	806	930	985	943
Narsinghpur ...	Narsinghpur	2,338	2,501	2,674	3 192	3 290
	Gadarwara	2,970	3,027	2,965	2,963	3,119
Nimar ...	Khandwa	4 853	4,922	5 317	4,508	4,682
	Burhanpur	2,017	2,038	2,665	2,878	2,751
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh .	39	22	42	24	37
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara	2,448	2,685	3,075	3 062	3,288
	Sausar	1,175	1,011	976	1,093	1,576
Raipur ...	Raipur	2 380	2,425	3,302	2,991	3,289
	Drug	1,406	1,193	1,071	1,079	1,370
	Dhamtari	1,243	1,107	1,514	1,512	2,084
	Simga	989	1,197	1,567	1,005	1,680
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur	2,011	2,226	2,360	2,136	2,393
	Bargarh	1,397	1,621	2,005	1,704	1,595
Bilaspur ...	Bilaspur	1,385	1,486	1,797	1,618	2,171
	Mungeli	1,345	1,463	1,694	2,034	2,019
	Seorinarain	1,050	765	862	846	1 605
	Total ...	92,648	89,470	1,01,193	1,04,904 *	1,12,965 †

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† three suits " " " " Nagpur "

Table B 2 compares the figures of 1885 and 1886.

TABLE B 2.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
	1885.	1886.		
Nagpur	19,587	21,587	+2,000	10·2
Chanda	4,796	5,107	+ 311	6·5
Bhandara	6,087	5,893	— 194	3 2
Wardha	8,918	8,565	— 353	4 0
Balaghat	2,768	2,509	— 259	9·3
Jubbulpore	7,775	8,553	+ 778	10·0
Saugor	5,185	5,195	+ 10	·2
Seoni	2,429	3,034	+ 605	24·9
Damoh	2,426	2,845	+ 419	17·2
Mandla	1,265	1,591	+ 326	25 8
Hoshangabad	8,032	8,162	+ 130	1 6
Betul	2,987	3,019	+ 32	1·1
Nimar	7,410	7,470	+ 60	·8
Narsinghpur	6,155	6,418	+ 263	4 3
Chhindwara	4,155	4,864	+ 709	17·1
Raipur	6,590	8,373	+1,783	27·1
Bilaspur	4,498	5,789	+1,291	28·7
Sambalpur	3,840	3,988	+ 148	3 9
Total ...	1,04,904	1,12,965	+ 8,061	7 7

6 These tables show a very general increase of litigation in 1886. The increase is most marked in Bilaspur, Raipur, Mandla, and Seoni. In Nagpur the increase was in the number of cases instituted in the Small Cause Courts. The increase of litigation appears to be generally due to the advance of trade in the Provinces.

II.—Value of suits.

7. The relative value of suits instituted in 1886 is shown in the next Table C. and the figures for 1885 and 1886 are contrasted in Table C. 2.

TABLE C.

Grades of value.			Number of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ...	30,312	27·	5
Ditto	"	50 ..	54,836	49·	24
Ditto	"	100 ...	14,782	13·	70
Ditto	"	500 ...	11,332	10·	198
Ditto	"	1,000 ...	975	1·	694
Ditto	"	5,000 ...	627		1,912
Ditto	"	10,000 ...	64		6,382
Exceeding	"	10,000 ...	37		23,792
		Total ...	1,12,965	100·	..

TABLE C. 2.

Grades of value.			Number of suits instituted in 1885.	Number of suits instituted in 1886.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ...	28,627	30,312	+ 1,685	5·9
Ditto	"	50 ...	51,029	54,836	+ 3,807	7·5
Ditto	"	100 ...	13,167	14,782	+1 ,615	12·3
Ditto	"	500 ...	10,440	11,332	+ 892	8·5
Ditto	"	1,000 ..	954	975	+ 21	2·2
Ditto	"	5,000 ...	610	627	+ 17	2·8
Ditto	"	10,000 ...	51	64	+ 13	25·5
Exceeding	"	10,000 ...	26	37	+ 11	42·3
		Total ...	1,04,904	1,12,965	+8,061	7·7

It is remarkable that the percentages of suits of each value to the total number of suits instituted are with the alteration of a single unit the same for 1885 and 1886.

Table D, shows the percentages of Table C. in detail according to districts. There is nothing calling for comment.

TABLE D.

Districts.	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50.	Not exceeding Rs. 100	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.
Nagpur ...	32·	47·	12·	8·	1·
Chanda ...	24·	53·	13·	10·	1·
Bhandara ...	25·	52·	13·	9·	1·
Wardha ...	19·	48·	17·	15·	2.
Balaghat ...	34·	49·	9·	6·	1·
Jubbulpore ...	24·	50·	13·	11·	2·
Saugor ..	23·	52·	13·	10·	1·
Damoh ...	21·	52·	16·	10·	1·
Seoni ...	27·	50.	12·	10·	1·
Mandla ..	42·	45·	9·	4·	0·
Hoshangabad ...	16·	44·	18·	18·	4·
Betul ...	20·	49·	16·	12·	2·
Narsinghpur ...	15·	49·	18·	14·	3·
Chhindwara ...	24·	51·	15·	9·	1·
Nimar ...	21·	56·	13·	9·	1·
Raipur ..	36·	45·	10·	8·	1·
Sambalpur ...	48·	39·	7·	4·	1·
Bilaspur ...	41·	46·	7·	5·	1·

III—Description of suits.

8 Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits between landlord and tenant, and title and other suits

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	Number of suits	Percentage of total suits
I.—Suits for money or moveable property ..	97,130	86 0
II.—Suits between landlord and tenant ..	9,251	8·2
III.—Title and other suits ..	6,584	5 8
Total ..	1,12,965	100

There has been an increase under the first two heads, and a decrease under the third. The proportion which the total of each class of suits bears to the whole litigation remains nearly the same as last year.

In Table F a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I of Table E., and the variations as compared with last year's figures are shown :—

TABLE F.

Description of suits.	1885.		1886		Increase or decrease in percentage
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Contract in writing ..	46,220	44 0	49 820	44 1	+ 1
Contract not in writing ..	18,115	17 2	18,727	16 6	— 6
On account stated ..	3,413	3 3	4,079	3 6	+ 3
Money had and received ...	676	·6	923	·8	+ 2
Goods sold ...	9 217	8 8	10,486	9 3	+ 5
Wages, work and materials .	1,113	1 1	1,164	1 0	— 1
Breach of contract not mentioned above ...	2,308	2 2	2,813	2 5	+ 3
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ..	1,032	1 0	1,059	·9	—·1
Moveable property or value thereof ..	4,774	4 5	5,174	4 6	+ 1
Damages ..	2,843	2 7	2,885	2 6	— 1
Total ..	89,711	85 5	97,130	86 0	+ 5

9 The increase in the proportion of suits relating to money and moveable property may be traced to the two heads "contract in writing" and "goods sold." The number of suits under the latter head has increased both absolutely and relatively; but under the former head the relative increase is slight. Under "contracts not in writing" there is an absolute increase but a relative decrease

Table G. has been prepared to show the classified details of the principal description of suits in Table E., distributed according to districts.

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions of Suits in Table E.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rent.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing.		Goods sold.											
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	21,587	11,045	51·2	2,800	13·0	3,730	17·3	589	2·7	263	1·2	882	4·1	72	·3	552	2·5
Chanda ...	5,107	2,739	53·6	592	11·6	261	5·1	239	4·7	129	2·5	293	5·7	39	·8	106	2·1
Bhandara ...	5,893	3,220	54·7	1,185	20·1	193	3·2	50	·8	168	2·9	484	8·2	133	2·3	234	4·0
Wardha ...	8,565	3,869	45·2	853	9·9	580	6·8	686	8·0	113	1·3	640	7·5	65	·8	264	3·1
Balaghat ...	2,509	908	36·2	635	25·3	162	6·5	343	13·7	90	3·6	140	5·6	47	1·9	67	2·6
Jubbulpore ...	8,553	3,343	39·1	1,286	15·0	1,032	12·1	142	1·7	305	3·6	606	7·1	218	2·9	428	5·0
Saugor ..	5,195	2,345	45·1	909	17·5	251	4·8	366	7·0	84	1·6	253	4·9	186	3·6	231	4·5
Damoh ..	2,815	1,222	43·0	445	15·6	80	2·8	99	3·5	111	3·9	20	7·1	141	5·0	234	8·2
Seoni ...	3,034	1,126	37·1	706	23·3	342	11·3	94	3·1	61	2·0	196	6·5	47	1·5	108	3·6
Mandla ..	1,591	380	23·9	455	28·6	265	16·7	96	6·0	78	4·9	126	7·9	11	·7	24	1·5
Hoshangabad ...	8,162	4,258	52·2	1,539	18·8	182	2·2	258	3·2	97	1·2	459	5·6	87	1·1	428	5·2
Betul ..	3,019	1,338	44·3	422	14·0	182	6·0	199	6·6	110	3·7	251	8·3	55	1·8	134	4·4
Narsinghpur ..	6,418	3,443	53·6	730	11·4	206	3·2	404	6·3	57	0·9	920	14·4	40	0·6	308	4·8
Chhindwara ..	4,864	2,389	49·1	1,035	21·3	344	7·1	106	2·2	100	2·0	215	4·4	123	2·6	156	3·2
Nimar ..	7,470	4,440	59·4	668	9·0	763	10·2	235	3·2	95	1·3	249	3·3	17	0·2	156	2·1
Raipur ..	8,373	1,758	21·0	1,730	20·7	885	10·6	389	4·6	400	4·8	651	7·8	509	6·0	376	4·5
Sambalpur ...	3,988	1,001	25·1	1,035	25·9	440	11·0	305	7·6	258	6·4	237	6·0	42	1·1	373	9·4
Bilaspur ...	5,789	991	17·1	1,702	29·4	590	10·2	574	9·9	266	4·6	363	6·3	222	3·8	221	3·8
Total ...	*1,12,965	49,820	44·1	18,727	16·6	10,486	9·3	5,174	4·6	2,885	2·6	7,167	6·3	2,084	1·8	4,400	3·9

*Includes 3 Suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

TABLE H.

Relative value of the principal description of suits.

Description of suits	Number.	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total
		Rs. 10	Rs. 50	Rs. 100.	Rs 500.	Rs. 500.	
Contract in writing .	49,820	10 9	57 6	17 9	12 3	1 3	100
Contract not in writing ..	18,727	44 6	43 6	6 2	4 7	·9	100
Goods sold ..	10,486	63 5	31·1	3 6	1·7	·1	100
Moveable property or value thereof ..	5,174	36 2	46 4	9 6	6 9	·9	100
Damages ..	2,885	26 4	44 4	14 9	12·1	2 1	100
Arrears of rent ..	7,167	29 4	53 3	11·8	5·3	·2	100
Immoveable property ..	4,400	23·0	34·9	15·6	20 3	6·1	100
	Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1885.						
Contract in writing ...	+3600	—·1	—·2	+ 7	+·4	+ 1	
Contract not in writing ..	+612	—·1	+·2	+·6	+·1	+·1	
Goods sold ..	+1269	—·3	—.2	+·6	—·1	...	
Moveable property or value thereof ..	+400	—1·4	+.4	+·7	+ 6	— 3	
Damages ..	+42	—1·1	—.9	+1·2	+·7	..	
Arrears of rent ..	+738	+1·2	...	—·4	—·9	+ 2	
Immoveable property ...	—265	+·3	—·1	+1 1	—·2	—1 2	

10. From these tables the following facts may be gathered. The increase in suits on "contract in writing" has been very general, only three districts showing none, and it has been considerable in Jubbulpore, Damoh, Seoni, Mandla, Betul and Chhindwara. The increase in suits on "contract not in writing" is unevenly distributed. Suits for recovery of rent have generally increased. In the Nagpur Division the increase extends to all districts. Jubbulpore, Seoni, Mandla and Chhindwara; Raipur and Bilaspur show large increases in such suits. Saugor shows a considerable decrease. Suits for recovery of immoveable property have generally decreased except in the Chhattisgarh Division.

11. Tenancy litigation grows steadily. The total number of suits for the last three years have been 7,283, 8,429, and 9,251, respectively. But the proportions in these three years of suits between landlord and tenant to all suits (8·1,8 and 8·2 per cent) seem to show that the increase is due to causes, which affect

litigation generally, rather than to a gradually spreading knowledge of the provisions of the Tenancy Act. The latter explanation is given in some of the District reports. It may perhaps be the true one in some instances.

The increase this year in suits between landlord and tenant has been almost entirely in suits for arrears of rent. Suits under other heads, chiefly for ejectment from sir land and for recovery of possession after an illegal ejectment, have increased considerably in Saugor, Damoh and Raipur, and decreased in Sambalpur and Jubbulpore. In Raipur the increase is attributed to the influence of the Settlement. The Deputy Commissioner says :—

"Suits for ejectment are as a rule of the following kinds :—

"(1) Suits for ejectment of ryots from sir land held by them on a terminable lease.

"(2) Suits for ejectment of ryots from land cultivated by them in excess "of their ordinary holdings.

"(3) Do. from Banjar (waste land) cultivated by them without authority and for which no rent is paid.

"The increase under the first of these three heads is due to the natural "anxiety of the malguzars not to lose their rights in their sir land by allowing "ryots to hold it continuously for six years and upwards.

"The results under the other two heads are due in part to the natural "operation of the Tenancy Act and partly to the fact that Survey and Settle-"ment operations are now in progress, and consequently all parties are keenly "desirous of establishing their rights beyond dispute by obtaining the dicta of "the Courts of law in their favour."

The Deputy Commissioner of Bilaspur, in which district there has also been an increase in ejectment suits and suits for recovery of possession, accounts for the increase in the same way as the Deputy Commissioner of Raipur; the Commissioner endorses the remarks of both officers, and anticipates that this class of cases will diminish as soon as the Settlement operations are completed. The Commissioner, however, makes no mention of the fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Sambalpur, makes the Settlement responsible for a precisely opposite result in his district. Suits for ejectment and for recovery of possession have diminished in Sambalpur from 159 to 42, and the Deputy Commissioner accounts for this by saying that many matters which would ordinarily come before a Civil Court are now referred to the Settlement authorities.

The Settlement operations in Raipur and Sambalpur are now in very much the same stage, and it is, therefore, difficult to understand how those operations can act as a check upon litigation in one district while they encourage it in the other.

The increase in suits for arrears of rent has been most marked in Nagpur (740—882) (Chanda (200—293) Wardha (533—640) Jubbulpore (456—606) Raipur (318—651) and Bilaspur (275—363). The Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore, attributes the increase in arrears of rent to the fact that "above three quarters of the new patwaris are either new men themselves, or have new circles.....the affairs of the village, are for the time thrown into

confusion, and rent suits of course increase." This explanation is not quite satisfactory. A general uprooting and re-distribution of patwaris would perhaps be likely to cause a greater increase in rent suits than in other suits, under the Tenancy Act, but we should expect to see a general increase under all heads of tenancy litigation. The other district reports contain but few remarks on the subject and no explanation of the increases. That in Raipur is remarkable and some explanation should, if possible, have been given.

C.—General Distribution and Results of trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

I.—Distribution.

12. The following table shows how suits disposed of were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts :—

TABLE J.

Distribution of Suits disposed of among different classes of Courts.

Total number of Judges		8	32	15	50	39	18	162
Districts.		Small Cause Courts.	NaibTahsildars.	Munsiffs.	Tahsildars.	Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
Nagpur ..		9,781	1,504	6,569	2,353	1,133	2	21 342
Chanda ...		...	3,003	...	1,567	411	...	4,981
Bhandara ..		...	2,939	...	1,947	723	4	5,613
Wardha ...		...	...	5,615	1,409	1,536	5	8,565
Balaghat ...		...	1,536	...	640	314	10	2,500
Jubbulpore ...		3,800	2,031	...	1,617	873	12	8,333
Saugor ...		208	1,488	1,522	1,310	642	11	5,181
Damoh ...		...	1,139	...	1,218	469	3	2,829
Seoni ...		...	1,852	...	674	434	26	2,986
Mandla ...		...	347	...	1,014	240	5	1,606
Hoshangabad ..		...	1,676	3,123	2,038	941	14	7,792
Betul ..		...	1,685	...	748	545	15	2,993
Narsinghpur ...		...	...	4,631	537	1,055	22	6,275
Chhindwara ...		...	2,911	...	1,239	591	26	4,767
Nimar ...		37	3,311	2,061	744	1,186	1	7,340
Raipur ...		...	3,037	1,863	1,477	1,090	6	8,075
Sambalpur ..		...	1,374	1,670	299	585	11	3,939
Bilaspur ...		...	3,886	...	1,418	588	4	5,891
Total...	1886...	13,826	34,319	27,054	22,249	13,381	177	*1,11,007
	1885..	12,204	47,611	6,638	26,881	12,303	240	1,05,877
Percentage ...	1886...	12·5	30·9	24·4	20·0	12·1	·1	100
	1885...	11·5	45 0	6 3	25 4	11 6	·2	100·
	1884...	11·2	48 0	...	29 3	11·3	·2	100·
	1883...	12·2	47·6	...	28·2	11·7	·3	100
	1882...	13·2	44·7	...	30·2	11·7	·2	100

* Include 1 suit decided in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

67 per cent of the whole litigation was disposed of by the Small Cause Courts, the Naib Tahsildars and the Munsifs, in all 55 Courts. Deputy Commissioners and Tahsildars have disposed of less work than in the preceding year, while the work done by the Assistant Commissioners, including the Civil Judges, has increased. It was the intention of the Government to relieve Deputy Commissioners and Tahsildars. The percentage (87·8) of suits disposed of by the Small Cause Courts and the Courts inferior to that of an Assistant Commissioner is nearly the same as in former years.

13. The following table gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to values :—

TABLE K.

Institution of Suits in the various Courts according to value.

Judges.			Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes.	Naib Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs.	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners including Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners	Total
Number of Judges.			2	6	32	65	39	18	162
Grades of value of suits.		Total No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.						
Not exceeding ...	Rs 10	30,312	16 6		46·8	29 9	6 7	...	100
Do.	50	54,836	11·7		40 3	42·3	5 7	...	100
Do.	100	14,782	9 5			75·0	13 8	...	100·
Do.	500	11,332	9·3		..	45·6	44 5	1	100·
Do.	1,000	975	6 1		...	.	93 3	5	100·
Do.	5,000	627	... .		...	...	90 7	9·3	100
Do	10,000	64	. ...		...	...	12·5	87·5	100·
Exceeding	10,000	37	.....		...	...	8 1	91 9	100
All grades...		1,12,965	12 4		32·2	43·0	12 2	·2	100·

14- The general results of the trials of suits disposed of are shown below

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent in 1886	Corresponding proportion in 1885	1884	1883.	1882.
Plaints rejected or returned ...	823	·7	·7	·7	·6	·6
Transferred to other Districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ..	20,447	18·4	18·9	19·1	18·9	17·9
Withdrawn with leave ...	1,093	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·2	1·3
Compromised ..	11,873	10·7	10·7	11·5	12·2	12·3
Decreed on confession ..	24,166	21·8	21·0	21·5	22·6	23·6
Decreed *ex parte* ...	19,331	17·4	16·5	16·3	16·4	16·3
Dismissed *ex parte* ..	1,047	·9	·8	1·0	·9	·9
Total uncontested ..	77,957	70·2	68·9	70·4	72·2	72·3
(b).—*Contested and Judgment given for*						
Plaintiff in whole ..	14,071	12·7	12·7	12·0	11·5	11·1
Ditto in part ..	10,009	9·0	9·3	9·1	8·7	8·4
Defendant in whole ..	8,147	7·3	8·4	7·8	7·3	7·3
Total contested ...	32,227	29·0	30·4	28·9	27·2	27·1

This Statement shows that of the cases disposed of a slightly larger proportion was uncontested. The difference is not great, and may possibly be explained by the increased proportion of suits brought on written contract. The proportion of uncontested cases is still somewhat above the figure for 1884. The proportions of the different kinds of disposal are almost the same as last year. Cases dealt with *ex parte* show an increase of 1 per cent and cases decreed on confession an increase of ·8 per cent.

There is a slight decrease in the proportion of cases dismissed for default as compared with last year.

It must be admitted that errors and illegalities are occasionally committed with respect to the dismissal of cases in default. Sometimes cases are postponed without giving the parties due information as to the date fixed for hearing. In some cases the plaintiff may not be informed in time when his case will be heard. But mistakes and illegalities will from time to time occur in the disposal of suits, and there is no reason to believe that they are more frequently committed with regard to the dismissal of suits in default than with regard to cases otherwise disposed of. The Deputy Commissioners watch the proceedings of their subordinates in this respect, and with proper supervision there is no reason to apprehend that a practice of illegally dismissing suits for default can prevail. In some cases the Judicial Commissioner thinks that the Courts are too ready to accept the plaintiff's excuse for non-appearance. The result is that, if it does not suit his convenience to attend on the day fixed for hearing, he absents himself, and then applies to have his suit re-admitted. This practice leads to great delay in the disposal of business. The Courts should never dismiss a suit for default unless it is clear that they are justified in doing so, and they should never allow a suit so dismissed to be re-admitted unless the cause for the plaintiff's non-appearance is really sufficient. In the Wardha district 1,436 suits were dismissed for default, and 673 applications for re-hearing, were made, of which 506 were granted. The number of successful applications is large and seems to show either that the Courts were wrong in dismissing the suits, or that they were too ready to accept the plaintiff's excuse for his non-appearance.

From enquiries made by the Deputy Commissioner, Betul, it is to be feared that the Courts are not always as careful as they should be to ascertain that a summons has been duly served before they pass *ex parte* decrees. In cases when a defendant cannot be found the Courts do not, it would seem, always examine the serving officer as required by Section 82, Code of Civil Procedure, and the Judicial Commissioner had occasion to point out by Circular that a mere temporary absence of the defendant from his house did not justify a serving officer in reporting that he could not be found and in affixing a copy of the summons on his house. In cases decided *ex parte* it is important in the interest of both parties that all evidence regarding the service of summons should be preserved. This has been pointed out, and the Courts have been directed that all evidence of the service of summons in *ex parte* cases should be placed in the A. file of the record, and that when this evidence is an endorsement on a summons, the summons should itself be placed in the A. file. There is no reason why evidence taken under Section 100 should be preserved for a less time than the other evidence on points material to the issues tried and decided in the case.

Table L. does not seem to call for any other comments.

15. The number of cases pending at the end of the year was 9,820 against 7,867, pending at the end of 1885. The numbers shown as pending over 2 and 3 months respectively are 651 and 364. There is reason to think the figures last year were not correct in regard to the number of cases pending over 2 months, as this year's figures have had to be corrected in communication with the Deputy Commissioners. The heaviness of the pending file is partly attributed to the increase of institutions in the last quarter of the year, as compared with the last quarter of 1885, partly to the general increase in the number of institutions.

The provincial durations and average number of hearings in contested and uncontested cases do not show any marked change. The worst returns are from Raipur, showing 139 cases pending over 2 months, and 114 cases pending over 3 months and an average duration of 76 days for contested cases. In the Junior Station Court 390 suits were disposed of during the year, of which only 204 were contested. The average duration of the contested cases was 122 days and of the uncontested 71 ; the average number of hearings was 4 2 for contested and 1·8 for uncontested cases, while at the end of the year 255 cases were pending (67 over 3 months) as against 76 at the beginning of the year. The Judge of this Court worked too slowly. He had not the necessary experience to enable him to dispose of business expeditiously and to manage the pleaders. But the bad results in Raipur are not confined to this one Court. In Mr. Hornby's Court there were only 180 contested cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases pending at the close of the year was 106, of which 23 cases had been pending over two months and 21 over three months The average duration in contested cases in Mr. Hornby's Court was 101 days. It must be remembered, however, that Mr. Hornby had charge of the Treasury ; but still he is a slow worker. In the Court of the Senior Assistant Commissioner, the average duration of contested cases was 142 days and the average number of hearings 5·1. The returns from the subordinate Courts are better, but the Munsif of Raipur, an officer burdened with no executive or magisterial work, had a pending file of 306 cases, of which 56 were pending over two months. There is no Court in the Raipur district in which the duration in contested cases is not above the provincial average.

16 The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, discusses the matter of durations and average hearings at some length. The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, has given, as causes for the long durations, the following reasons :—

(1), paucity of Assistants for nearly 4 months of the year, during which one of them was deputed on boundary work;

(2), the necessity of local investigations in Tenancy suits,

(3), delays in the service of processes issued to Native States and other districts.

The Commissioner is not entirely satisfied with these reasons. He admits that the staff was somewhat over-worked, and remarks that the distances from head quarters and absence of facilities for travelling tend to increase averages, and that changes of officers often tend to delay in the disposal of cases, and he thinks allowance should be made for all these causes, but he adds that he is not satisfied that the procedure in many cases of long standing has been regular. He is afraid to bring too much pressure on the Courts for fear of work being hurried on too much, with the result of bringing trouble on litigants by remands from the Appellate Courts. With the results in Bilaspur and Sambalpur he is more satisfied.

17. There is no doubt that no fair comparison can be made between district and district, Court and Court, without many allowances. The distance to which jurisdiction extends, facilities for travelling, the nature of the cases to be tried, the number of changes of presiding officers,—all these have to be taken into account. Nagpur would show much worse results, but for the Small Cause Courts and the fact that a good many cases come from the large towns of Nagpur and Kamptee. Jubbulpore averages are improved by similar causes.

But with regard to the Raipur Courts, the Judicial Commissioner is of opinion that the reason why so few cases were disposed of is that the Judges were not equal to the work of the Courts. The Nagpur Junior Station Court has a heavy pending file (205 cases), and the average duration of contested cases (131 days) was high, but 869 cases were disposed of in the year, which is a fair amount of work.

The duration of contested cases has fallen most markedly in Balaghat and Bilaspur. It is satisfactory to see a marked improvement in Sambalpur and Wardha in this respect.

18. The principal causes of long duration of cases and a high percentage of hearings were enumerated in the last report, and it is unnecessary to recapitulate them. It is to be observed that every time a case is called on it is entered as having been heard, so that at many so-called hearings the case has been merely called on and has had to stand over because the summons was not served or for some cause over which the Judge had no control. There can be no doubt, however, that business might, and should be, disposed of more promptly, and that many officers are too ready to grant adjournments. A case tried by an experienced Extra Assistant Commissioner, which recently came before the Judicial Commissioner, may be mentioned as an instance of how trials are delayed. On the first day fixed for hearing no one appeared and the suit was dismissed. The plaintiff then applied to have the suit restored to the file, and without recording any reasons the Judge granted the application. Then a date was fixed for the defendant to appear. On this date both parties appeared and the defendant asked for time to engage a pleader. The Judge granted this request without recording his reasons. On the next date fixed for hearing the defendant's pleader asked for an adjournment on the ground that he was engaged in another Court. This adjournment was granted as a matter of course. The case came on on the adjourned date and the plaintiff's pleader then obtained an adjournment in order that he might examine the defendant's account books. On the next date fixed for hearing a letter came from the defendant's counsel asking for an adjournment. The case was again adjourned, and at the next hearing issues were at last fixed, and after three months' further delay the case was disposed of. The tendency to grant adjournments whenever applied for and to linger over preliminaries instead of at once going thoroughly into the case and ascertaining the points on which the parties are at issue is one of the besetting faults of our Civil Courts. Then when the issues have been fixed the hearing of the evidence is too often allowed to extend over a month or more, whereby a great risk is incurred of evidence being manufactured as the case goes on, and in other respects the just decision of the case is hindered

19. The number of cases in which a commission has been issued for local investigation is much the same as in the previous year. The Chhattisgarh Division, however, requires particular notice. There has been a great increase in Raipur and Bilaspur, and a decrease in Sambalpur. Raipur this year, as last year, showed the largest numbers.

The number of commissions issued by the Courts in Raipur has been the subject of correspondence with the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, and he was asked to report on the matter. He reports as follows—

"The necessity for commissions in almost all suits regarding land arises from the fact that the village papers are useless inasmuch as the fixed entries have often not been corrected since settlement, being mere copies of the old settlement jamabandis, while for some years no village papers have been prepared at all. When therefore a claimant sues for fields and takes a copy of the entries of fields in his name in the village papers, such entries are almost invariably wrong, and contain fields not really claimed by the Plaintiff at all, and for years, probably, in the possession of another tenant Such being the case it is impossible to decide land suits without verifying possession, and when this has not been done, Civil Court decrees have passed for fields which, owing to wrong numbering, really belonged to third parties, and were not the subject of the claim.

The Judicial Commissioner thinks that these reasons for the issue of commissions are satisfactory. Strictly speaking, a Plaintiff should be able without the issue of a commission to show the Court what he is suing for. But to insist on strict legal procedure in the present state of Raipur would be unreasonable and would not only cause injustice, but also increase litigation. A Court which could move about and decide these tenancy suits on the spot would be best suited for disposing of them. The action of the Courts however, must be closely watched, or it will become the practice to issue a commission as a matter of course in every suit about land. On his recent inspection of Raipur, the Judicial Commissioner noticed one or two cases in which it seemed that the Court might, by making enquiries itself, have avoided the issue of commissions. A report has been called for on the subject of commission Amins in Raipur.

20. There has been a satisfactory decrease in the number of commissions for examinations of accounts. There is undoubtedly a tendency on the part of many Judicial officers to issue a commission for the examination of accounts directly an account-book is produced in Court. Sometimes it is said that the accounts were in a language not understood by the Judge, and that therefore it was necessary to appoint a commissioner; but if a party relies on entries in an account-book he should be required first to prove that the account has been regularly kept in the course of business, and that the entries are therefore relevant evidence. He should also be required to furnish a translation of the entries on which he relies. Section 394 of the Code of Civil Procedure contemplates the issue of a commission in cases where an examination or an adjustment of accounts is necessary. It does not contemplate the issue of a commission to ascertain whether an entry in an account-book is relevant evidence.

The issue of commissions is watched by the District officers and a monthly return of commissions issued is sent to the Judicial Commissioner.

21. References to arbitration have again decreased: such references yearly become less popular. Their results are not, as a rule, satisfactory, and the disposal of cases referred to arbitration is often unreasonably delayed, owing to the slowness with which arbitrators move.

22. There has also been a decrease in the number of cases in which a matter has been decided on the oath of a party. Enquiry shows that with very few exceptions the oaths administered have been of a simple and unobjectionable

kind. Holding in the hands a lota of water and swearing by the cow seem to be the commonest forms.

23. In regard to cases in which the whole or any of the costs of a successful plaintiff have been disallowed (Column 44 of Statement III.) there has been a great reduction. Strict supervision has been maintained over the action of the Courts in this matter. There is reason to doubt whether in all cases the entries in this column are correct. From explanations lately received from Deputy Commissioners, as the result of enquiries as to whether the orders of their subordinate Courts were proper, it has been found that entries have been wrongly made in this column in cases where the plaintiff got all the costs to which he was entitled, as, for instance, where, the case being undefended, he was awarded only half the pleader's fee. In these cases no costs were decreed against the plaintiff. There is no reason to think that the Courts are inclined to refuse a plaintiff his costs except on sufficient grounds.

The only figure calling for any particular notice in this column is that against Bhandara. There are now only 7 cases where last year there were 714. The Deputy Commissioner writes that all the cases occurred in the Court of the Junior Extra-Assistant Commissioner, and that the decrease is "probably owing to the expressed views of superior authority." It is not clear to what he refers. The remarks in last year's report would scarcely have borne fruit so early. There appears to have been a rush from the one extreme to the other.

It is curious that Raipur for a second year shows no cases in this column. This will be enquired into. Nimar shows a large number of cases in which the plaintiff has been refused his costs. The Deputy Commissioner has observed cases in which the procedure described by Section 220, Code of Civil Procedure, had not been properly observed, and on more than one occasion he says an appeal on the question of costs has been successful, but as a general rule he found nothing to object to in the order regarding costs.

In passing an order for costs a Judge must use a sound judicial discretion. The general rule is that costs should follow the result of the case, but this rule may be departed from for good and sufficient reasons. The justice of each case must be considered, and the Judge should not refuse costs on general grounds which have no relation to the case before him, such as, for instance, that in his opinion litigation is excessive and that it is expedient to repress it.

24. There has been a decrease in the number of instalment decrees. The variation in the total number of these decrees in each district shows that there must be a diversity of practice and want of fixed principle. It is difficult to lay down any rule in a matter which like this is left to the discretion of the Judge. Generally the Judicial Commissioner thinks that orders for payment by instalment should, except by consent, only be granted in cases when decrees for small amounts are given against persons who are badly off and cannot pay at once. Care should be taken to secure that the creditor shall be paid within a reasonable time and a provision should be made that in default of payment of an instalment the whole amount of the decree shall become payable. The interests of the creditor must be considered as well as the convenience of the debtor, and a decree for payment by instalments may by keeping the creditor from obtaining his money cause him serious injury.

25. The number of miscellaneous cases instituted was 8,339 against 8,211 last year. The institution of miscellaneous cases does not appear to call for and notice. As they mainly consist of applications for restoration of cases dismissey for default and objections to the attachment of property in execution, the increase follows the increased litigation.

E.—Appellate Business.

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Courts of Civil Judges.		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts ...	577	283	4,320	3,633	1,372	1,834	6,269	5,750	...	...
From orders ...	59	50	239	241	54	85	352	376	...	...
Total ...	636	333	4,559	3,874	1,426	1,919	6,621	6,126	20·5	20·8

Note.—The cases shown as tried by Civil Judges in 1885, were tried by Assistant Commissioners exercising the appellate powers of Deputy Commissioners.

26. The number of appeals instituted during the year shows a decrease In the Commissioner's Courts the decrease is the result of the Central Provinces. Courts Act, 1885, which provides that first appeals from decrees passed by Courts subordinate to the Court of the Deputy Commissioner shall, when the value of the suit does not exceed one thousand rupees, lie to that Court. Under the old Act the venue of appeals was fixed entirely by the jurisdiction of the Court which passed the decree appealed against and not by the value of the suit.

27 The result of Appeals (first and second) is shown in the following Table —

TABLE N.

Disposal of Appeals

Courts.	Confirmed without notice to respondent.		Dismissed in default		Remanded for retrial		Decree of Lower Courts.						Total disposed of
							Modified		Reversed		Confirmed		
	Number	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner.	214	26·0	33	4·0	75	9·1	41	5·0	119	14·5	340	41·4	822
Courts of the Commissioner—													
Nagpur ...	...	..	...	..	3	4·1	14	19·2	21	28·8	35	47·9	73
Jubbulpore ..	2	1·4	6	4·3	6	4·3	29	20·5	23	16·3	75	53·2	141
Nerbudda ..	1	0·7	9	6·1	12	8·2	17	11·6	13	8·8	95	64·6	147
Chhattisgarh ..	.	.	1	3·0	2	6·1	11	33·3	1	3·0	18	54·6	33
Total ..	3	0·8	16	4·1	23	5·8	71	18·0	58	14·7	223	56·6	394
District Appellate Courts—													
Nagpur ..	7	1·5	20	4·2	26	5·5	48	10·2	113	24·0	257	54·6	471
Chanda ..	48	22·4	13	6·1	17	7·9	41	19·2	25	11·7	70	32·7	214
Bhandara ..	29	11·6	15	6·0	33	13·3	19	7·6	42	16·9	111	44·6	249
Wardha ..	22	4·8	23	4·8	25	5·2	79	16·6	88	18·5	239	50·1	477
Balaghat ..	25	14·4	5	2·9	14	8·0	28	16·1	31	17·8	71	40·8	174
Jubbulpore ..	54	13·7	39	9·9	18	4·6	18	3·3	78	19·8	192	48·7	394
Saugor ..	5	1·7	19	6·6	22	7·7	22	7·7	43	15·0	176	61·3	287
Damoh ..	125	64·8	9	3·9	5	2·2	19	8·3	53	23·2	17	7·5	228
Seoni ..	84	42·9	2	1·0	10	5·1	15	7·6	48	24·5	37	18·9	196
Mandla ...	23	57·5	..	...	1	3·5	...	...	1	2·5	15	37·5	40
Hoshangabad ..	57	12·3	18	3·9	32	6·9	67	14·5	68	14·7	221	47·7	463
Betul ..	109	43·4	17	6·8	45	17·9	9	3·6	48	19·1	23	9·2	251
Narsinghpur ..	30	5·9	21	4·1	25	4·9	45	8·8	102	19·7	290	56·5	513
Chhindwara ..	32	12·3	21	9·2	3	1·1	38	14·6	45	17·2	119	45·6	261
Nimar ...	84	20·9	7	1·7	24	6·0	44	11·0	75	18·7	167	41·6	401
Raipur ..	162	28·4	62	10·9	30	5·3	46	8·0	102	17·9	168	29·5	570
Sambalpur ..	26	9·3	13	4·6	21	7·5	29	10·3	44	15·7	148	52·6	281
Bilaspur ..	148	52·1	21	7·4	8	2·8	22	7·8	43	15·1	42	14·8	284
Total ..	1,071	18·6	328	5·5	359	6·4	584	10·2	1,049	18·2	2,363	41·1	5,754
Grand Total ...	1,288	18·5	377	5·4	457	6·5	696	10·0	1,226	17·6	2,926	42·0	6,970

The number of appeals disposed of by the Judicial Commissioner has increased from 500 to 822.

The general result of the appeals is nearly the same as last year. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court 28·6 per cent of the appeals were more or less successful, as compared with 25·8 per cent in 1885; in the Commissioner's Courts the percentage was 38·5, as compared with 39·7 in 1885, and in the Deputy Commissioner's Courts the percentage was 34·8, the same as in 1885.

28. The diversity of practice in the Deputy Commissioner's Courts with regard to hearing appeals without notice to the respondents still prevails. In the Courts of Nagpur, Saugor and Narsinghpur it seems to be the practice to fix a date for hearing both parties and to issue notices as a matter of course. In Damoh, Mandla and Bilaspur it seems to be the practice to hear the appellant first. In his review of the last annual report the Chief Commissioner expressed his disapproval of both these extremes, but at the same time he approved of the practice of examining the record of a case before hearing the respondent. This seems to be the practice in those districts which show the largest number of appeals decided without notice to the respondent. A date is fixed for hearing the appellant only, and on that date the Deputy Commissioner hears the appeal. If he is of opinion that the decree appealed from is right, he dismisses the appeal. If he considers that the decree is wrong, he fixes a date for hearing the appeal and issues a notice to the respondent. There is nothing illegal in this practice, but it is open to the objection that in every case in which a respondent is heard the appellate court has to a great extent made up its mind that his case is bad before it hears him. It is remarkable that the percentage of appeals dismissed is higher in Damoh, Mandla and Bilaspur than in any other district in the Province. In Mandla the percentage was 95, but the total number of appeals was small, so that this high percentage may to some extent be accidental. On the whole, the Judicial Commissioner considers that the correct procedure is that the Appellate Court should, on an appeal being instituted, consider the grounds thereof and exercise a discretion in deciding whether the appeal should be first heard without the issue of a notice to the respondent. On the one hand it is a mistake to neglect the very useful provisions of Section 551 and to make it a rule to call on the respondent in every case to defend the appeal, and, on the other hand, the practice of hearing every appeal first in the absence of the respondent is calculated to prejudice respondents, because the Judge to a great extent decides the cases before they are heard. The latter practice is also open to the objection that appellants have in all cases when their appeals are successful to attend the Court twice. In cases in which a second appeal lies it is generally desirable that a Court of first appeal should hear the respondent; otherwise, if there is a second appeal, the respondent has lost his opportunity of being heard in the Court of first appeal, and of establishing the findings of facts on which the decision of the Court of second appeal must depend.

29. The average duration of regular and miscellaneous appeals decreased considerably in District Courts, while it increased slightly in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner, and very considerably in the Courts of Commissioners. The total number of appeals tried by Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges was 5,793, as against 5,985 last year, and it is satisfactory to find that the average duration decreased from 42·1 to 35·6 in regular appeals, and from 36·6 to 28·4 in miscellaneous appeals. In the Court of Commissioners, however, although the total number of appeals tried has largely diminished, the average

durations increased from 118 0 to 131·1 in regular appeals, and from 93 5 to 123·2 in miscellaneous appeals. The increased durations may be traced chiefly to the Jubbulpore division in regular appeals, and to the Narbada division in others. No explanations are given in the Divisional Reports. The average duration of miscellaneous appeals (226·8) in the Court of the Commissioner, Narbada Division, is, the Judicial Commissioner thinks, excessive. The average duration in the Judicial Commissioner's Court was higher in regular appeals, but lower in miscellaneous appeals, the figures being 131·78 and 118·6, against 119·0 and 128 5 last year. This increase in duration was owing to the large number of appeals left pending at the end of 1885.

F.—Execution of Decrees.

30. The number of applications for execution of decrees has again increased from 75,338 to 81,281. The percentage of complete and partial realization (49) is the same as in the year preceding. The percentage of wholly infructuous applications in Nagpur is 55, a slight improvement on last year, and the percentage in Wardha (59·9) also shows a slight improvement. It seems that it has been the practice in the Small Cause Court, Nagpur, to file applications asking only that a notice should be issued under Section 248, Code of Civil Procedure, to the judgment-debtor to show cause why the decree should not be executed against him. In these applications no execution is prayed for, and yet they have been entered as applications for execution. This practice is erroneous, and has no doubt led to a large increase in the number of wholly infructuous applications.

The percentage of wholly infructuous applications was also very high in Narsinghpur (46·7) and Nimar (55·9). In the former district it is attributed chiefly to partial failure of crops; in the latter partly to debtors absconding into Holkar's territory, and partly to the neglect of parties to certify payment made out of Court. No doubt a large number of cases returned wholly infructuous are really settled out of Court.

The percentage for the whole province of persons arrested to the total number of execution cases dealt with was, in 1884, 4·9, and in 1885 and 1886 4·2. The largest number of persons arrested was in Nagpur (448) and in Jubbulpore (551), but the percentage of persons arrested to decrees dealt with is 2 in Nagpur and 10 in Jubbulpore. The number of persons actually imprisoned was the same (87) in both districts. In Jubbulpore they were all imprisoned by the Small Cause Court, but why there were so many imprisoned is not satisfactorily explained High proportions of imprisonments to arrests are also shown in Narsinghpur (51 out of 80), and Sambalpur (54 out of 96). No explanations are given in either case.

31. There have been changes in the year in regard to process fees, a new scale having been sanctioned and adopted from the 1st October. From the same date the payment of commission to Nazirs was stopped, their pay being raised where necessary to compensate them for the loss. By the new rules under the Court Fees Act poundage recoverable by Court fees is charged on sales. At the same time 36 sale Amins were appointed to sell immoveable property, it being thought unadvisable to allow such sales to be conducted by peons. It is too early

yet to consider the effect of the new arrangements, nor is it necessary further to refer to them, as the sanction of the Chief Commissioner was received as late as December 1885, being communicated by your office No. 4719—224 of 4th December 1885. Statement VIII cannot well be compared with the corresponding statement for last year, and it does not show full information on the subject. The new rules as to process fees have rendered necessary a revised from of this statement. The subject is under consideration.

G.—Work done by Officers.

32 The following tables, O to S, are comparative statements showing the work done year by year in the various Courts of the provinces.

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Special appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.					Applications under Section 622, C. C. P.				
1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
461	475	501	441	756	21	36	36	42	66	82	142	161	195	143

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
Commissioner of Nagpur ...	111	79	100	12	73	5	4	4	...	...
Commissioner of Jubbulpore ..	182	23	87	109	128	29	...	13	18	18
Commissioner of Nerbudda ..	120	20	65	218	131	7	8	6	19	16
Commissioner of Chhattisgash ...	80	33	74	123	24	6	5	16	8	9
Additional Commissioner, Nagpur, Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions ...	165	884	310	...	...	29	48	21	...	...
Total ..	608	539	636	562	356	76	60	60	45	38

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
Nagpur ...	...	1	10	1	2	...	...	5	6	1	2	.	4	2	3	..	.			.	204	185	116	124	175	8	10	5	9	22
Chanda ...	13	7	8	..	...	9	8	14	22	11	23	13	12	6	2	3	10	5	10	7	84	93	86	261	21	5	2	8	5	3
Bhandara ...	22	11	11	3	4	37	19	5	1	2	18	21	24	6	5	6	11	11	5	6	162	167	224	281	237	9	18	13	14	12
Wardha ...	1	4	9	13	5	30	2	9	3	6	...	3	5	2	3	.	.				293	132	163	71	153	17	8	11	6	12
Balaghat ...	2	1	3	20	10	37	49	6	27	13	6	1	4	11	20	...	2	2	2	3	69	87	110	265	170	...	1	2	10	4
Jubbulpore ...	11	8	8	20	12	68	11	18	11	14	19	19	26	31	35		.			1	149	165	219	231	131	5	2	5	9	9
Saugor ...	5	5	5	1	11	47	...	2	2	10	8	9	6	4	13	.	.		...	.	142	165	245	383	245	5	11	24	21	42
Damoh ...	7	17	11	9	3	32	8	6	2	7	3	6	11	7	5		2	2	2	4	103	134	134	208	223	1	4	3	5	5
Seoni ...	28	36	27	42	26	7	5	9	7	5	12	14	19	18	28	1	.	1	2	8	90	83	143	185	188	...	2	...	...	8
Mandla ..	4	9	4	10	5	...	2	...	...	...	7	12	6	7	11	1	1	1	1	2	16	17	16	46	38	..		...	...	2
Hoshangabad ...	9	..	1	3	14	18	...	..	...	1	9	3	...	..	10	.		.	6	...	194	196	89	300	161	5	19	3	20	4
Betul ...	14	22	15	19	15	61	14	11	9	17	9	26	18	24	19	3	..	.	1	6	151	181	224	262	246	2	..	2	7	5
Narsinghpur ...	29	18	11	1	22	38	8	2	6	21	40	30	8	..	12	.	.	.	...	4	288	355	435	506	161	14	33	29	62	16
Chhindwara ...	35	15	21	15	26	30	1	21	19	15	17	21	13	25	18	5	4	5	1	1	176	171	180	261	253	15	7	11	13	8
Nimar ...	14	15	6	1	1	26	60	45	31	...	25	17	11	..	9	10	7	18	12	4	204	204	257	245	386	12	9	17	12	15
Raipur ..	3	8	13	8	6	..	40	2	..	...	3	9	9	7	6	1	1	...	1		342	327	310	247	245	15	8	19	22	24
Sambalpur ..	10	38	21	29	11	72	58	35	20	20	6	20	32	6	1	7	7	16	9	6	267	290	219	240	161	8	3	7	11	10
Bilaspur ...	2	12	28	45	4	23	15	2	13	4	...	6	12	20	10	5	1	3	4	1	130	109	149	203	264	2	4	2	8	20
Total ...	209	222	212	240	177	535	300	192	179	147	207	230	220	176	210	42	46	64	57	53	3,064	3,051	3,329	4,319	3,646	123	141	161	232	229

TABLE R.

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
Nagpur ...	1,297	1,165	1,354	1,072	1,133	232	281	239	148	108	1,925	1,850	1,667	1,486	1,300	46	25	49	65	68	196	198	269	359	260	11	5	11	15	15
Chanda ...	951	733	538	528	411	149	118	113	131	99	705	581	590	662	528	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	.
Bhandara ...	1,258	1,108	705	675	723	168	195	179	112	150	962	959	1,017	859	803	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Wardha ...	555	578	591	874	1,536	208	206	176	331	306	544	611	473	699	935	26	19	9	14	15	...	232	152	338	303	..	16	12	14	9
Balaghat ...	232	317	329	454	314	36	17	55	61	59	192	242	259	367	321	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	455	525	654	967	873	57	52	49	100	122	329	352	394	560	524	24	23	26	28	22	...	...	..	193	253	...	...	..	6	1
Saugor ...	478	540	691	764	642	96	90	119	112	111	442	534	607	566	595	...	...	...	4	4	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
Damoh ...	285	276	300	312	469	13	9	18	18	23	171	201	182	189	236	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Seoni ...	184	216	318	378	434	30	34	58	81	71	188	223	202	306	375	...	...	..	...	.	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Mandla ...	157	215	163	257	240	10	9	2	5	38	117	111	117	127	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	..	...	..
Hoshangabad ...	938	909	917	1,205	941	138	152	76	109	6	1,057	1,060	942	1,061	875	12	22	20	...	9	151	156	299	234	296	7	4	10	6	2
Betul ...	327	334	286	370	545	53	64	76	80	109	182	192	199	340	434	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	..
Narsinghpur ...	549	692	751	951	1,085	43	55	79	61	56	569	576	591	727	750	...	..	4	8	17	..	..	...	12	313	...	..	..	..	22
Chhindwara ...	376	462	522	619	591	49	44	58	63	45	231	329	393	426	435	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..
Nimar ...	369	700	796	785	1,186	165	129	118	179	249	1,443	1,063	812	917	994	...	..	...	14	19	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
Raipur ...	663	802	1,007	949	1,090	59	56	58	61	70	527	446	543	418	551	3	2	7	10	12	...	...	67	173	275	..	..	..	11	28
Sambalpur ...	557	428	581	690	585	32	33	106	34	34	335	221	231	321	326	...	...	..	..	4	..	...	104	...	107	..	..	..	..	3
Bilaspur ...	719	359	692	485	583	66	21	31	59	51	511	260	325	263	286	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Total ...	10,350	10,354	11,195	12,303	13,381	1,604	1,563	1,610	1,795	1,769	10,480	10,211	9,594	10,234	10,417	111	91	115	143	169	348	536	891	1,309	1,806	18	26	33	52	80

TABLE S.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsifs and Naib Tahsildars.

Districts.	Oirginal suits.					Miscellanous suits.					Execution cases.				
	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1882.	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Nagpur ...	8,556	7,906	9,085	10,007	10,426	924	780	635	791	871	6,315	6,243	7,041	8,315	8,966
Chanda ...	3,739	3,171	4,473	4,360	4,570	208	263	358	562	659	1,852	2,141	2,420	2,981	3,255
Bhandara ...	4,715	3,795	5,772	5,628	4,386	378	323	542	537	448	2,123	2,085	2,677	2,931	2,924
Wardha ...	7,638	6,153	6,787	7,777	7,024	744	746	683	1,053	1,081	4,658	4,490	4,726	5,727	6,240
Balaghat ...	1,693	1,722	2,328	2,371	2,176	151	71	118	145	148	889	920	1,389	1,658	1,651
Jabbulpore ...	2,539	2,340	2,911	3,492	3,648	45	52	74	80	106	1,029	1,048	1,465	1,440	1,591
Saugor ...	2,737	3,506	3,605	4,273	4,320	119	236	167	266	340	1,319	1,843	1,804	2,120	2,440
Damoh ...	1,625	2,025	1,778	2,101	2,357	115	147	105	165	139	476	585	679	841	897
Seoni ...	1,459	1,578	1,623	2,033	2,526	77	68	77	83	116	749	697	741	869	1,148
Mandla ...	646	743	733	977	1,361	6	18	13	29	25	139	137	209	226	372
Hoshangabad ...	6,423	6,659	6,505	7,007	6,837	359	391	419	492	467	3,393	3,962	4,177	4,445	4,645
Betul ...	2,666	1,842	2,470	2,623	2,433	192	136	243	312	219	1,361	1,167	1,443	1,396	1,368
Narsinghpur ...	4,795	4,691	4,937	5,143	5,168	172	185	165	185	204	2,925	3,113	3,993	4,131	3,990
Chhindwara ...	3,186	3,170	3,372	3,629	4,150	117	117	207	220	182	2,083	1,756	2,227	2,425	2,498
Nimar ...	5,926	6,008	7,051	6,973	6,116	222	306	439	469	541	3,793	3,168	4,499	4,736	4,658
Raipur ...	5,418	5,078	6,182	5,451	6,977	113	122	153	146	75	2,738	2,366	2,764	2,526	2.828
Sambalpur ...	2,862	3,163	3,871	3,292	3,343	71	116	198	104	117	977	1,008	1,461	1,426	1,245
Bilaspur ...	3,071	3,359	3,439	3,994	5,304	27	46	108	128	162	934	937	1,092	1,236	1,545
Total ...	69,634	66,909	76,922	81,130	83,622	4,040	4,123	4,704	5,767	5,990	37,753	37,666	44,807	49,429	52,261

33. These tables show that the Commissioners' judicial work has been reduced. This is the effect of the new Central Provinces Courts' Act. The reduction will be more marked in future years, as this year's returns include cases appealed before the new Act came into force, and appeals in cases disposed of under the old Act. The change in the law which reduces the work of Commissioners has been already noticed. Where the work in the Deputy Commissioners' Courts has been too heavy they have been relieved by the appointment of Civil Judges. The Civil Judges have, so far as the Judicial Commissioner has observed, done their work satisfactorily. They disposed of a large number of appeals in petty cases.

34. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. J. W. Neill from the 1st January to the 26th February and by Mr. R. J. Crosthwaite from the 27th February to the end of the year.

The Mandla District Court was inspected by Mr. Neill and the Courts of the following districts by Mr. R. J. Crosthwaite during the year :—

Nagpur,	Wardha,
Chanda,	Nimar,
Hoshangabad,	Narsinghpur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. W. FOX-STRANGWAYS,

Registrar.

PRESCRIBED

STATEMENTS

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal.)

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces, on the last day of the year 1886 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province.		Area.	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction. Judges of Chief Court of Provinces.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Total number of cases decided. Original. Regular.	Original. Miscellaneous.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous.	Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Central Provinces.	Territory subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue ...	84,445	98,38,791	4	18	50	1	4	18	38	105	1,11,007	8,308	6,618	406	†9,58,694	†12,73,756
	Territory subject to the High Court ... Criminal ..									42	153	24,494	1,009	2,461	95		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Civil and Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ditto not subject to the High Court ... Criminal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	*Total ...	84,445	98,38,791	4	18	50	1	4	18	42	199	1,35,501	9,317	9,079	501	9,58,694	12,73,756

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction.

† The Receipts and Charges of the Judicial Commissioner's Court are included this year. They were not shown heretofore.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI. of 1885. On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates.

CIVIL.

Naib-Tahsildars. Euro.	Naib-Tahsildars. Natives.	Munsiffs. Euro.	Munsiffs. Natives.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Europeans.	Judges of Small Cause Courts. Natives.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Europeans.	Registrars of Small Cause Courts. Natives.
0	32	0	15	5	1	0	2

Courts of	Tahsildars. 1st Class. Euro.	Tahsildars. 1st Class. Natives.	Tahsildars. 2nd Class. Euro.	Tahsildars. 2nd Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 1st Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 1st Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 2nd Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 2nd Class. Natives.	Assistant Commissioners. 3rd Class. Euro.	Assistant Commissioners. 3rd Class. Natives.	Civil Judges. Euro.	Civil Judges. Natives.
	0	44	0	6	3	9	3	13	2	2	1	5

Deputy Commissioners. Euro.	Deputy Commissioners. Natives.	Commissioners. Euro.	Commissioners. Natives.	Judicial Commissioners. Euro.	Judicial Commissioners. Natives.
18	0	4	0	1	0

CRIMINAL.

High Court Judges. Euro.	High Court Judges. Natives.	Sessions Judges. Euro.	Sessions Judges. Natives.
1	0	4	0

Magistrates.	1st Class. Euro.	1st Class. Natives.	2nd Class. Euro.	2nd Class. Natives.	3rd Class. Euro.	3rd Class. Natives.	Cantonment Magistrates. Euro.	Cantonment Magistrates. Natives.
	26	26	3	99	0	55	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the *actual* number of *individuals*, as required. As the same officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure total of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals shown.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1886.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlord and tenant.						Title and other suits.																	
	Contractlin writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or the value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowment.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suit for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partitions.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X. of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																			
I.—Civil Courts.																																			
Unpaid Tribunals ...	31	5	1	...	3	...	1	...	1	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	39,740	16,125	2,968	739	6,456	838	2,655	767	4,657	2,398	1	1	7,003	...	4	21	672	2	16	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84,994
Small Cause Courts ...	6,427	1,917	709	63	3,854	298	74	254	160	285	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	14,045
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	3,581	669	399	119	173	28	79	38	346	266	719	1,305	164	...	1	15	3,668	439	207	899	34	37	3	65	14	344	16	...	2	...	...	...	...	37	13,667
Chief Courts of Districts ...	41	11	5	2	...	...	4	...	10	3	1	2	...	...	...	7	47	5	...	28	1	9	...	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	188
Total ...	49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43	4,400	446	223	933	37	46	3	70	15	350	16	...	2	...	3	...	...	40	112,965
II.—Revenue Courts.																																			
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43	4,400	446	223	933	37	46	3	70	15	350	16	...	2	...	3	...	...	40	112,965

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8.—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1886.

Value of suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10	Ditto Rs. 50	Ditto Rs 100	Ditto Rs 500.	Ditto Rs 1,000	Ditto Rs 5,000.	Ditto Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.											
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	15	48	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	3,803	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	23,224	45,292	11,315	5,163	...	..	...	...	...	28,69,713	
Small Cause Courts —	5,046	6 430	1,403	1,107	59	...	...	...	...	5,39,508	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2 022	3,061	2,054	5,040	910	569	8	3	...	32,11,983	
Chief Courts of Districts	5	5	7	17	6	58	51	34	...	13,12,069	
Total ...	30,312	54,836	14,782	11,332	975	627	6	37	...	79 36,696	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	..	..	..	—	.	..	...	..	.	...	
Collector's Courts		...	...	...	...	...	..	...		...	
Total .	...	...	...	...	..	...		..	...	..	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	..	.	
Total ..	..	..	...	..	...	..	.	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	30,312	54,836	14,782	11,332	975	627	64	37	...	79,36,696	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1886.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts	Number of suits disposed of										Pending at the close of the year	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Without trial	Without contest				On reference to arbitration		With contest				Contested	Uncontested.	
				Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte.*	Dismissed *ex parte*	For plaintiff	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	71	22	3	14	8	2	..	.	10	9	3	3	95·8	44·4	
Village Courts	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	.	..	
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals	90,721	..	17,350	9,553	18,433	14,615	860	62	16	17,297	5,413	7,099	59	43·4	30·2	
Small Cause Courts	14,694		2,285	1,539	3,906	3,214	76	8	2	2,120	686	868	...	23·6	20·3	
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of Districts	15,136	.	2,635	769	1,783	1,485	107	31	3	4,478	2,006	1,822	216	66·8	43·1	
Chief Courts of Districts	206	...	21	9	30	8	2	2		75	33	28	9	79·7	49·9	
Total	120,827		22,363	11,973	24,166	19,331	1,047	103	21	24,080	8,147	9,820	287	46·5	30·0	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	.	...	..	...	.	..	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts		...	.	.	..	..		..	..	..	.	..	...	...	...	
Unpaid Courts	...	..	..	.	.	..		.	.	.	..	...	...	..	...	
Total	.	...		...		.			...	...	.	...	..	..	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts	..	.	..	..	...	...		...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	..			...		..	..	..	...	..	...		...	...	
Total	...	...	.	..	...	..	..			.		..	.	...	...	
Grand Total	1,20,827	...	22,363	11,973	24,166	19,331	1,047	103	21	24,080	8,147	9,820	287	46·5	30·0	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1886.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	6,184	...	1,669	119	779	806	184	9	5	1,582	747	284	...	29·9	23·8	
Small Cause Courts ...	515	...	244	7	19	15	35	...	...	83	96	23	...	13·2	8·4	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	1,870	...	512	24	165	155	78	9	...	548	278	101	...	36·8	22·4	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	151	...	48	1	3	12	14	...	...	43	26	4	1	39·0	21·0	
Total ...	8,720	...	2,473	151	959	988	311	18	5	2,256	1,147	412	1	30·9	22·5	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	8,720	...	2,473	151	959	988	311	18	5	2,256	1,147	412	1	30·9	22·5	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil)

STATEMENT showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1886.

PART I.—APPEALS.

Class of Courts	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Pending	Of these pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES																
A.—CIVIL COURTS																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ...	2,020	...	269	121	35	18	16	7	785	204	287	64	214	3	33 7	8
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	4,017		727	186	86	40	37	27	1,367	313	642	221	371	12	36 5	11
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	512	53	1	12	10	3	1	...	192	66	51	20	103	30	131·1	21
Total ...	6,549	53	997	319	131	61	54	34	2,344	583	980	305	688	45	42·3	35
B.—REVENUE COURTS																
Collectors' Appellate Courts			.		.	...	.	..	.	..	...		...	...		.
Commissioners' Appellate Courts . ..	1		...	...	.	.	.			..	1	..	..	.	231·0	.
Total .	1		—		..			...			1	..	.		231·0	..
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees ..	...	.	.	..	...	.	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...		..
Appeals from appellate do. Civil ...	966	...	181	31	16	3	8	3	311	36	106	53	210	65	131 7	
Revenue ..			..		..	.	..	..	...	.	...	.	..	...	—	...
Total ..	966	.	181	31	16	3	8	3	311	36	106	53	210	65	131·7	
Grand Total ..	7,516	53	1,186	350	147	64	62	37	2,655	619	1,087	358	898	110	52 5	3

NOTE.—The revenue appeals in the Commissioner's Courts have been shown under "B.—Revenue Courts."

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(Civil.)

STATEMENT showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central rovinces in the year 1886.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under section 561 Act XIV. of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	85	...	...	8	23	..	3	...	21	1	18	6	5	...	29·[illegible]	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	241	...	16	13	36	3	10	12	69	5	36	22	19	...	28·2	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	50	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	21	2	6	3	12	5	12·2	..
Total ...	376	...	16	25	61	3	13	12	111	8	60	31	36	5	3[illegible]	...
B.—REVENUE COURTS																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province ... Appeals from original decrees ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appeals from appellate do. ...	8[illegible]	...	4	2	21	..	...	3	13	...	5	16	19	2	118·6	...
Total ...	85	...	4	2	21	...	...	3	12	2	5	16	19	2	118 6	...
Grand Total ...	461	...	3[illegible]	27	82	3	13	15	124	10	65	47	55	7	52·0	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11.—(Civil.)

STATEMENT showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1886.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amounts realized.		Number of applications.											
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes.	Without the issue of processes.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment	On which movable property Was sold.	On which movable property Was attached but subsequently released	On which immoveable property. Was sold	On which immoveable property. Was dealt with under Section 305, 322, or 328, Act XIV of 1882.	On which immoveable property. Was attached but subsequently released under Section 276	On which possession was given Of moveables	On which possession was given Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was obtained otherwise than as in the preceding columns
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																					
I.—CIVIL COURTS																					
Unpaid Tribunals	4	...	1	...	...	3	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Village Courts	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ..	59,077	1,203	13,011	11,147	26,900	6,916	152	5,58,406	4,042	372	1,923	3,795	5,241	2,816	357	4,006	21	185	3	...	...
Small Cause Courts ..	9,989	849	1,988	2,286	4,059	807	60	67,842	1,354	121	641	549	645	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts .	11,954	448	3,180	2,379	4,409	1,538	134	4,39,042	6,101	89	228	670	829	547	355	859	70	1,730	15	...	2
Chief Courts of Districts	257	26	82	35	67	47	8	51,908	31,149	1	3	15	16	12	12	20	...	36	...	...	1
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	.	.	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	..
Total ..	81,281	2,526	18,262	15,847	35,435	9,211	354	11,17,207	42,686	583	2,800	5,029	6,631	3,375	727	4,885	93	1,951	18	...	3
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Total .	...	...	...	.	...	..	...		...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	...	.
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ..	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	..		..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	.
Grand Total ..	81,281	2,526	18,262	15,847	35,435	9,211	354	11,17,207	42,686	583	2,800	5,029	6,631	3,375	727	4,885	93	1,951	18	...	3

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Central Provinces, in the year 1886.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 356.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		REMARKS.
	Total number of hearings	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn, &c.	Granted.		Rejected			Pending at the close of the year			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year	
			A receiver being appointed	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 350, not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courts other than Chief Courts of District..	199	70	17	47	39	..		26	17	7	30,186	11,279	24,143	11,494	
Chief Courts of District ...	57	21	7	18	7	...	..	4	9	6	9,033	5,531	1,725	1,674	
Superior Courts ..		...	...	.	...	...	...	..	.	..	...	...	...		
Total .	256	91	24	65	46		...	30	26	13	39,219	16,810	25,868	13,168	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal).

(Showing use of juries and assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1886 is blank as a Civil Return.)

ADDITIONAL

STATEMENTS.

[Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.]

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted

Districts.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlords and tenants.					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	11,045	2,800	570	130	3,730	193	106	305	589	363	49	23	882	...	...	...
Chanda ..	2,739	592	334	41	261	17	251	9	239	129	1	38	293	...	...	...
Bhandara ...	3,220	1,185	35	6	193	5	8	7	50	168	116	15	484	...	2	...
Wardha ..	3,866	853	932	102	580	24	121	83	686	113	4	54	640	...	3	4
Balaghat ...	908	635	18	1	162	1	30	16	343	90	14	31	140	...	..	2
Jubbulpore ...	3,348	1,286	429	115	1,032	212	105	122	142	305	32	216	606	...	...	...
Saugor ...	2,315	909	351	7	251	29	20	78	366	84	6	180	253	...	...	...
Damoh ...	1,222	445	187	28	80	4	1	12	99	111	8	132	202	...	...	1
Seoni ...	1,126	706	35	21	342	51	196	12	94	61	...	47	196	...	...	...
Mandla ..	380	455	78	19	265	26	8	5	96	78	...	11	126	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ..	4,258	1,539	359	14	182	266	50	79	258	97	46	40	459	...	...	1
Betul ..	1,388	422	44	119	182	23	27	10	199	110	6	39	251	...	...	10
Nursinghpur ...	3,443	730	103	11	206	39	7	83	404	57	24	15	920	...	...	1
Chhindwara ...	2,389	1,035	41	20	344	6	31	14	106	100	4	104	215	...	.	15
Nimar ..	4,440	668	327	97	763	101	56	76	235	95	8	9	249	...	...	...
Raipur ...	1,758	1,730	204	137	883	103	1,081	67	389	400	324	185	651	..	...	...
Sambalpur ..	1,001	1,035	26	18	440	26	59	13	305	258	16	19	237	...	...	7
Bilaspur ..	991	1,702	6	37	590	38	556	68	574	266	67	158	363	...	...	2
Colar, Nagpur Dn ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ... 1886 .	49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43
Total ... 1885..	46,220	18,115	3,413	676	9,217	1,113	2,308	1,032	4,774	2,843	589	1,347	6,429	3	23	38

STATEMENT No. II—Exhibition of

	Rs															
Not exceeding	10	5,449	8,356	797	307	6,654	588	1,086	430	1,874	763	188	577	2,108	...	2	22
Ditto	50	23,669	8,174	1,857	354	3,257	465	1,356	444	2,399	1,282	371	573	3,819	...	3	11
Ditto	100	8,894	1,162	608	95	381	73	200	104	495	431	97	104	846	...	...	2
Ditto	500	6,149	873	681	130	183	34	159	62	360	349	65	54	379	...	...	7
Ditto	1,000	392	79	80	29	9	3	5	15	29	49	4	3	13	...	...	1
Ditto	5,000	245	72	53	8	2	1	4	4	14	9	...	...	2	...	...	...
Ditto	10,000	19	5	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding	10,000	13	6	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total... 1886...		49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43
Total... 1885...		46,220	18,115	3,413	676	9,217	1,113	2,308	1,032	4,774	2,843	589	1,347	6,429	3	23	38

No. I.—(Civil.)

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

Title and other suits.																		Remarks
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X. of 1885, (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
552	110	39	43	5	5	2	1	2	41	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,587
106	22	11	...	5	1	...	3	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5,107
234	10	51	59	2	3	...	1	..	27	.	...	...	.	.	...	...	12	5,893
264	66	14	122	5	.	...	0	2	16	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	8,565
67	1	...	25	...	..	1	4	...	18	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	2,509
428	5	11	112	4	6	...	10	...	17	6	..	...	.	3	...	...	1	8,553
231	30	20	10	4	2	...	9	...	7	1	..	...	...	...	..	...	2	5,195
234	5	...	64	...	2	...	3	...	5	...	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	2,845
108	...	...	16	...	..	...	...	...	19	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	4	3,034
24	..	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	10	.	..	2	...	...	.	...	...	1,591
428	19	...	22	5	10	...	16	...	13	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8,162
134	15	1	70	...	..	...	1	2	14	...	..	...	.	..	..	...	2	3,019
308	35	1	1	1	8	...	...	..	19	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	2	6,418
156	15	...	230	...	3	...	5	.	27	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	4	4,864
156	48	1	71	...	..	...	2	3	64	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	1	7,470
376	10	...	41	...	5	...	9	2	14	3	.	...	.	.	...	...	1	8,373
373	48	71	8	5	...	...	...	1	17	3	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	3,986
221	7	...	36	...	..	...	...	..	12	.	..	.	...	...	.	...	..	5,789
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
4,400	416	223	933	37	46	3	70	15	350	16	..	2	..	3	...	...	40	1,12,965
4,665	349	201	875	48	50	4	88	5	408	16	..	1	..	6	4	...	44	1,04,904

above Grand Total in detail of values.

Number of suits instituted in different Courts.							Total value of suits as computed under the Court Fees Act.
Small Cause Courts.	Naib Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildars' Courts.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Deputy Commissioners' Courts.	Commissioners' Courts.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
5,046	14,172	9,052	15	2,022	5	...	1,72,545
6,430	22,082	23,210	48	3,061	4	1	13,24,425
1,403	...	11,315	3	2,054	7	...	10,30,035
1,107	...	5,163	5	5,040	16	1	22,45,368
59	...	...	..	910	5	1	6,76,477
...	...	...	...	569	58	...	11,99,119
...	...	...	...	8	56	...	4,08,439
...	...	...	...	3	34	..	8,80,288
14,015	36,254	48,740	71	13,667	185	3	79,36,696
12,036	47,832	32,661	...	12,152	223	...	73,80,637

STATEMENT

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

District.	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year	Instituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562, 623, Act XIV of 1882).	Received by transfer from other provinces during the year	Instituted during the year (Section 58 Act XIV of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution	Dismissed for default, Section 98, Act XIV. of 1882.	
								Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ..	1,439	584	...	21,003	23,026	...	205	3,211	15 0
Chanda ..	299	221	...	4,886	5,406	...	14	794	15 8
Bhandara ..	596	306	...	5,587	6,489	...	22	1,267	22 6
Wardha ..	991	506	...	8,059	9,556	...	92	1,436	16 7
Balaghat ..	145	94	...	2,415	2,654	...	9	444	17 7
Jubbulpore ..	436	153	...	8,400	8,989	...	73	1,680	19 5
Saugor ...	284	145	...	5,050	5,479	...	27	684	13 2
Damoh ..	26	73	...	2,772	2,871	...	9	345	12·2
Seoni ..	98	49	.	2,985	3,132	...	22	330	11 1
Mandla ...	81	25	...	1,566	1,672	...	5	325	20 2
Hoshangabad ..	483	121	...	8,041	8,645	...	28	1,305	16 8
Betul ..	120	113	...	2,906	3,139	...	22	563	18·9
Narsinghpur ..	429	122	...	6,296	6,847	...	17	916	14 6
Chhindwara ..	286	41	...	4,823	5,150	...	17	984	20·6
Nimar ..	483	189	...	7,281	7,953	...	67	1,686	22 9
Raipur ..	985	168	...	8,205	9,358	...	94	2,129	26 3
Sambalpur ..	253	62	...	3,926	4,241	...	37	906	23·0
Bilaspur ..	428	102	...	5,687	6,217	...	63	1,491	25 3
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	100·0
Total ... 1886...	7,862	3,074	...	109,891	120,827	...	823	20,447	18 4
Total ... 1885...	8,841	2,927	...	101,977	113,745	...	740	20,044	18·9

No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

of.

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV. of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim).		Decreed *ex parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex parte*.		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
391	2,415	11·3	5,494	25·7	4,858	131	2·6	4,989	23·4
114	391	7·8	1,140	22·9	1,124	26	2·3	1,150	23·1
63	352	6·3	1,408	25·0	1,327	47	3·4	1,374	24·5
75	661	7·7	1,671	19·5	1,828	45	2·4	1,873	21·8
15	30	1·2	480	19·2	465	160	25·6	625	25·0
104	865	10·4	1,791	21·5	1,074	54	4·7	1,128	13·5
17	815	15·7	1,239	24·0	767	19	2·4	786	15·1
7	385	13·6	576	20·4	399	11	2·7	410	14·5
19	373	12·5	789	26·4	319	40	11·1	359	12·0
33	249	15·5	365	22·7	185	14	7·0	199	12·4
30	998	12·8	1,415	18·2	1,412	80	5·3	1,492	19·1
8	383	12·8	688	23·0	470	11	2·3	481	16·1
13	517	8·2	1,285	20·5	1,156	58	4·2	1,214	19·3
15	447	9·3	1,175	24·6	725	55	7·0	780	16·3
76	598	8·1	1,464	19·9	1,111	61	5·2	1,172	15·9
64	1,118	13·8	1,400	17·4	1,088	107	8·9	1,195	14·8
23	434	11·0	793	20·1	361	41	10·2	402	10·2
26	842	14·3	987	16·7	662	87	11·6	749	12·7
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,093	11,873	10·7	24,166	21·7	19,331	1,047	5·1	20,378	18·3
1,041	11,282	10·7	22,274	21·0	17,454	901	4·9	18,355	71·3

District.	Disposed of—*Contd.*									Pending		
	Contested and disposed of by								Total	Total.	Over two and not over three months	Over three months.
	Judgment for plaintiff				Judgment for defendant.		Total					
	In whole of claim		In part of claim.									
	Number	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number	Percentage of total disposed of				
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Nagpur ..	1,785	38 5	1,807	38 9	1,045	22 5	4,637	21 7	21,342	1,684	63	98
Chanda ...	576	41 8	478	34·7	324	23 6	1,378	27 6	4,981	425	31	14
Bhandara ..	514	45 6	337	29 0	276	24 5	1,127	20 1	5,613	876	141	18
Wardha ..	1,319	47 8	981	35 5	457	16 5	2,757	32 2	8,565	991	105	46
Balaghat ..	298	33 2	335	37 3	264	29 4	897	35 8	2,500	154	2	...
Jubbulpore ..	1,136	41 4	755	27 4	851	31 0	2,742	32 9	8,333	656	7	12
Saugor ..	813	50 4	431	26 6	369	22 8	1,613	31 1	5,181	298	12	8
Damoh ..	463	42 2	377	34 4	257	23 4	1,097	38 7	2,829	42	...	...
Seoni ..	440	40 2	394	36 0	260	23 7	1,094	36 6	2,986	146	3	...
Mandla ..	160	37 2	123	28 6	147	34 2	430	26 7	1,606	66	2	1
Hoshangabad ...	1,223	48 4	627	24 8	674	26 7	2,524	32 4	7,792	853	57	34
Betul ..	433	51.0	186	21 9	229	27 0	848	28 4	2,993	146	7	...
Narsinghpur ..	1,288	55 6	480	20 7	545	23 5	2 313	36 9	6,275	572	19	3
Chhindwara .	656	48.6	339	25 1	354	26 2	1,349	28 3	4,767	382	9	3
Nimar ..	1,107	48 6	671	29 4	499	21 9	2,277	31 0	7,340	613	6	5
Raipur ..	776	37.5	578	27 9	713	34·5	2 067	25 6	8 073	1,285	139	114
Sambalpur ..	456	33 9	507	37·7	381	28 3	1,344	34 1	3 939	302	32	2
Bilaspur .	628	36 2	603	34 7	502	28 9	1,738	29 4	5,891	326	15	5
Commr Nagpur Division	...	.	.	...	...	...	..	...	1	2	1	1
Total .. 1886 .	14,071	43 6	10,009	31·0	8,147	25 2	32,227	29 0	1 11,007	9,820	651	364
Total .. 1885 ..	13,408	41 7	9,886	30 8	8,848	27 5	32,142	30 4	1,05,878	7,867	825	312

No. III.—Contd.

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.										
Durations of suits in days and tenths		Number of hearings in suits disposed of.		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410 Act XIV. of 1882.	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882.	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV. of 1882).	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV. of 1882).	In which reference was made to arbitrators.		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	Cases in which the Court has directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff shall not follow the event (Section 220, para. 2, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV. of 1882).	Remarks.
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.					Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.				
33	34	35		36	37	38	39	40		41	42	43	44
45·0	29 6	1 8	1·1	2	93	37	...	14	1	92	107	263	
48·2	29 3	3·6	2 0	3	35	21	...	1	...	8	9	127	
60 2	41 7	4 0	2·1	...	32	10	...	1	...	35	7	317	
56	33,6	3·7	2·1	5	43	44	...	3	...	35	56	222	
38 1	27·5	2·7	1·8	...	10	1	...	2	3	20	14	88	
38·1	24·4	2·8	1·5	1	39	11	1	14	5	7	48	252	
37 6	23 0	2·7	1 6	4	39	18	1	26	2	20	148	203	
28·3	17 3	2 6	1 6	1	10	2	...	2	1	8	52	103	
33·5	21·1	2·9	1·7	...	2	3	...	4	3	14	13	72	
34 6	22 5	2·6	1 6	3	3	4	...	7	1	...	5	18	
50·0	31 3	3 3	1·8	...	20	40	...	4	...	21	51	213	
35·1	22 4	3 0	1·9	3	41	6	...	1	...	12	28	89	
44 5	29 8	2·5	1·3	2	39	13	...	5	1	42	67	47	
37·8	25	2·6	1·6	...	15	9	...	1	...	1	20	349	
42.4	25·7	2·8	1 6	1	22	18	...	1	...	26	153	348	
76 0	42 8	3·6	1·9	...	252	6	2	5	...	18	...	168	
55 3	31·1	3 2	1 5	1	26	3	1	8	4	11	32	107	
47 4	29·1	3·5	2 0	1	135	1	...	4	...	36	30	97	
...	20·0	...	6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
46·5	30·0	3 2	1 9	27	858	247	5	103	21	406	840	3,143	
46·7	30·1	3·1	1·8	27	863	319	6	136	38	554	1,729	3,783	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

PART II —Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of,										Pending at the close of the year	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year	Average duration of cases.		Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Without trial.	Without contest				On reference to arbitration		With contest						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	1,327	...	322	31	176	215	82	2	1	317	168	13	...	34 3	23 8	
Chanda ...	820	...	183	13	219	58	15	...	...	195	86	51	1	39 5	21 6	
Bhandara ..	620	...	169	6	71	184	20	...	...	114	36	20	...	48 4	26 0	
Wardha ..	1,556	...	308	15	62	266	103	...	...	295	144	163	...	45 9	33 2	
Balaghat ..	235	...	55	...	20	15	6	..	...	94	30	15	...	24 7	17 8	
Jabbulpore ..	406	...	186	...	4	13	16	...	...	94	75	18	..	23·9	9 8	
Saugor ..	469	...	222	16	39	15	13	...	1	93	70	...	...	32	18 9	
Damoh ..	179	...	36	...	7	3	...	...	...	83	40	10	...	21 6	22 7	
Seoni ..	192	..	71	1	19	3	1	...	...	54	43	...	...	25 5	16·9	
Mandla ..	63	...	30	1	..	7	...	...	...	20	5	...	...	15 8	10 2	
Hoshangabad ..	543	..	160	22	17	41	17	...	...	180	99	7	...	23 0	21 0	
Betul ..	351	...	116	2	33	40	6	..	...	82	66	6	...	22 1	15 6	
Narsinghpur ..	285	...	46	11	8	18	2	...	...	139	57	4	...	26 5	19·0	
Chhindwara ...	269	...	122	1	11	27	3	...	1	56	21	27	...	25·1	11 1	
Nimar ..	857	...	185	15	43	43	6	...	...	362	140	63	...	20 2	20 6	
Raipur ...	158	...	70	1	10	2	3	...	...	31	28	13	...	41 0	17 9	
Sambalpur ..	171	...	69	13	12	22	16	1	2	16	20	...	...	27 9	14 3	
Bilaspur ..	219		123	3	8	16	2	15	...	31	19	2	...	30 6	26 3	
Total 1886	8,720	...	2,473	151	959	988	311	18	5	2,256	1,147	412	1	30 9	22 5	
Total 1885	8,576	...	2,380	194	969	998	251	36	9	2,144	1,214	381	...	30 5	21 1	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.													Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882 were.		Average duration of appeals.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.											
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.									
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (column 17 plus 18)	Transferred to other Provinces	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.		Total.	Over three months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained).		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		18	19	20	21	22	23
Judicial Commissioner's Court	353	...	613	966	.	61	189	16	3	8	3	311	36	106	53	756		210	65	..	...	131 7	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division	33		75	108	.	...	...	2	...	.	...	33	14	21	3	73		35	9	9	4	129·5	
Do Jubbulpore „	23	..	117	140	.	5	...	5	1	1	...	64	28	18	6	128		12	...	2	..	81 2	
Do. Nerbudda „	169	...	59	228	53	7	1	3	..	...	...	83	16	11	10	184		44	19	3	3	170 7	
Do. Chhattisgarh „	4	..	32	36	...	...	..	..	2	...	...	12	8	1	1	24		12	2	..	...	98 1	
Total in Courts of Commissioners	229	..	283	512	53	12	1	10	3	1	.	192	66	51	20	409		103	30	14	7	131 1	

STATEMENT No. V

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1886.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts	For disposal				Disposed of													Pending		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV. of 1882 were		Average duration of each appeal tried	Remarks
							Heard *ex parte*					Contested.											
							Confirmed.			Reversed				Reversed.									
	Remaining at close of previous year	Received by transfer from other Provinces	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (Col. 17 plus Col. 18)	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent	After notice to Respondent.	Modified	Without remand under Section 562 Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562 Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Total	Total	Over three months.	Preferred	Allowed (because successfully maintained)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur	20	..	461	481	..	18	6	2	1	1	...	235	47	102	21	433	48	..	...	...	36·7	
Chanda	16	..	226	242	...	12	45	11	9	4	3	59	32	20	13	211	31	..	3	..	43 3	
Bhandara	41	..	216	257	..	14	25	8	4	4	4	101	14	35	25	237	20	3	..	...	54 3	
Wardha	86	..	440	526	...	23	18	[illegible]	3	6	5	216	74	74	20	456	70	4	5	2	45 8	
Balaghat	24		163	187	...	5	25	7	3	2	1	64	25	27	11	170	17	.	...	...	25 0	
Jubbulpore	34	..	400	434	...	38	54	.		.	...	187	13	74	18	384	50	..	...	.	33 3	
Saugor	25	..	241	266	...	19	3	21	5	7	1	134	17	26	12	245	21	...	3	...	23 2	
Damoh	35	...	201	236	...	9	122			2	1	17	18	50	4	223	13	.	...	..	38 3	
Seoni . ..	11	.	183	194	...	2	79	...	...	..	..	36	15	48	8	188	6	...	...	...	22.2	
Mandla	2	...	43	45	..	...	21	4		.	..	11	..	1	1	38	7	...	..	...	14 2	
Hoshangabad	67	.	489	556	.	17	57	5	3	3	10	214	63	62	22	456	100	2	...	..	39 0	
Betul	13	..	252	265	..	17	107	2	...	2	...	21	9	45	43	246	19	.	...	...	20 3	
Narsinghpur	49	..	472	521	...	18	26	13	2	4	2	262	40	87	20	474	47	...	...	...	30 2	
Chhindwara	21	.	251	272	..	23	27	7	4	2	...	111	34	43	2	253	19	...	..	...	22 4	
Nimar	20	.	379	399	..	4	82	6	3	5	4	155	41	68	18	386	13	.	...	...	31 8	
Raipur	53	..	513	566	..	56	138	6	13	6	...	153	33	88	27	520	46	.	..	...	43 9	
Sambalpur	42	..	258	300	..	12	25	12	5	3	..	134	24	37	16	268	32	4	...	...	53 6	
Bilaspur	11	..	279	290	..	20	133	.	3	2	3	42	18	39	4	264	26	2	1	..	25 4	
Total for 1886 { Districts ..	570	...	5,467	6,037	.	307	996	121	58	53	3	2,152	517	929	285	5,452	585	15	12	2	35 6	
Total for 1886 { All Courts	1,152	...	6,363	7,515	53	350	1,186	147	64	62	37	2,655	619	1,086	358	6,617	898	110	26	9	52 5	
Total for 1885 { Districts ..	506	...	5,692	6,198	..	379	780	121	40	61	61	2,383	575	911	317	5,628	570	14	8	1	42 1	
Total for 1885 { All Courts.	874	..	6,928	7,802	..	413	918	142	41	65	66	2,879	684	1,058	382	6,648	1,154	189	28	6	50 9	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1886.

PART II—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial)

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court...	85	...	4	2	21	...	...	3	13	2	5	16	19	2	118·6	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. Jubbulpore do. ...	15	...	...	1	2	..	...	...	6	...	4	...	2	...	46·1	...	
Do. Nerbudda do ...	26	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	9	1	2	2	10	5	226·8	...	
Do. Chhattisgarh do ..	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	1	...	...	50·1	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	50	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	21	2	6	3	12	5	122·2	...	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV, of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur	41	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	20	...	10	5	3	...	44·1	...	
Chanda	3	..	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	46·3	...	
Bhandara	13	...	1	1	3	1	...	2	2	...	...	2	1	...	38 2	...	
Wardha	25	..	1	...	4	...	1	..	6	2	7	...	4	...	43 5	..	
Balaghat	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	14 2	...	
Jubbulpore	13	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	4	..	3	...	34 7	...	
Saugor	43	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	21	...	10	7	1	...	23 7	...	
Damoh	6	...	3	...	..	1	...	...	..	...	1	...	1	.	36 6	...	
Seoni	8	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	2	...	...	16 6	...	
Mandla	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 5	...	
Hoshangabad	12	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	5	...	38 0	...	
Betul	7	.	...	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	...	.	2	...	14·2	...	
Narsinghpur	39	...	1	3	3	...	2	...	15	3	9	3	...	...	25 6	..	
Chhindwara	8	..	..	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	..	13 8	...	
Nimar	15	...	2	3	...		...	..	6	...	2	2	..	...	34 2	...	
Raipur	53	...	...	6	24	...	2	...	9	...	6	3	3	...	23.1	...	
Sambalpur	14	...	...	1	1	.	3	3	2	...	1	2	1	..	31·7	...	
Bilaspur	20	..	...	1	15	1	2	1	..	...	...	...	...	.	11 7	...	
Total for 1886... Districts .	326	..	16	21	59	3	13	12	90	6	54	28	24	...	28 4	..	
Total for 1886... All Courts.	461	..	20	27	82	3	13	15	124	10	65	47	55	7	52 0	..	
Total for 1885... Districts .	293	..	11	21	62	...	12	8	91	1	45	32	9	1	36 6	..	
Total for 1885... All Courts.	421	...	14	26	78	..	16	12	116	4	63	42	50	19	53 9	.	

STATEMENT No. VII

Statement showing the results of proceedings on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1886

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts	Applications disposed of					Pending at the end of the year	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Amount realized		Number of applications.												
		By transfer									On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment	On which moveable property		On which immoveable property			On which possession was given		On which specific performance was enforced	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns	Remarks.
		To Civil Courts.	To Collectors	Satisfaction obtained in full	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous			With the issue of process	Without the issue of process			Was sold	Was attached, but subsequently released	Was sold	Was dealt with under, Section 305, Act XIV of 1882	Was dealt with under, Section 320, Act XIV of 1882	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275	Of moveables	Of immoveables.				
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ..	19,023	897	76	3,615	3,571	8,840	2,024	116	1,59,273	582	87	361	879	614	744	..	76	692	15	219	...	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,209	82	30	836	968	1,870	424	7	17,836	366	21	96	480	479	380		30	326	3	48	...	...	...	
Bhandara ..	4,466	92	27	975	654	1,989	729	40	42,529	6,600	8	67	333	383	143	28		169	10	107	...	.	...	
Wardha .	8,312	233	104	1,512	1,230	4,099	1,134	80	78,493	1,721	43	237	447	459	374	.	104	630	14	127	2	...	...	
Balaghat .	2,199	44	46	537	408	957	207	..	29 407	109	4	63	233	305	89	..	46	94	4	34	1	..	...	
Jubbulpore ..	4,881	267	23	1,308	1,067	1,806	410	4	90 148	14,482	87	464	315	538	93	.	25	88	4	196	4	...	...	
Saugor ..	3,528	73	10	901	897	1,276	371	10	80 477	1,133	19	98	210	451	173	8	32	260	9	110	...	..	..	
Damoh ..	1,204	12	39	430	370	287	66	4	22 966	200	6	29	83	108	54	.	39	53	1	120	...	...	...	
Seoni .	1,739	...	26	507	533	485	188	6	42,092	7,530	17	94	262	221	92	..	.	90	1	48	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	573	9	6	191	126	195	46	1	7,124	1,198	6	56	31	67	35	5	6	46	5	13	..	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	6,183	61	110	1,285	1,324	2,750	653	30	1,84,714	2,056	35	164	291	734	262	2	110	643	2	161	...	...	...	
Betul .	2,042	32	28	445	412	906	221	3	37,450	1,764	9	32	155	276	156		28	402	4	57	..	.	...	
Narsinghpur ..	5,349	2	79	908	1,260	2,503	597	29	90,387	25	51	80	296	615	241	2	77	457	2	162	11	...		3
Chhindwara ..	3,401	3	30	711	823	1,384	450	5	35,585	3,648	22	62	291	279	192	.	30	287	2	107	...	...	...	
Nimar ..	6,338	24	38	1 435	1,044	3,142	655	4	83,588	605	39	326	220	413	213	24	38	445	7	59		...	...	
Raipur	4,045	...	4	1 246	586	1,549	660	8	66 243		46	258	235	289	74	.	4	130	.	137	..	...	.	
Sambalpur ..	1 784		8	683	263	618	212	4	21,733	146	54	96	108	226	37	4	4	42	9	109	...	.	..	
Bilaspur ..	2,005	.	11	740	311	779	164	3	27,162	521	29	217	160	174	28	.	7	31	.	137	..		...	
Total . 1886 .	81 281	1,831	695	18 262	15,847	35,435	9,211	354	11,17,207	42,686	583	2,800	5,029	6,631	3,375	73	654	4,885	93	1,951	18			3
Total . 1885 ..	75,558	1,859	577	17,439	14,845	33,157	7,681	399	10,68,826	58,379	478	2,693	5,127	6,405	3,377	19	578	5,077	73	1,891	8	1		10

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Statement showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) charges incurred in, the service and execution during the

Districts	(1) Fees levied. In separate detail for each Court									
	On processes directed to be served by European bailiff (Special Rule I)		On other processes issued				For assisting distraint (Special Rule III)	Additional Fees.		Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 9)
	At Rs. 2 rate	At Re 1 rate.	At Re 1 rate	At As 12 rate	At As 8 rate	At As 4 rate		Under Special Rule IV	Under Special Rule V	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs. a	Rs a.	Rs a
Nagpur .	36	80	9,168		4,496 8	22,064 4	..	226 12	..	36 071 8
Chanda .			1,754	252 8	2,060 0	5,439 8	...	60 4	0 8	9,566 12
Bhandara		...	2,018	108 12	1,547 0	5,676 12	1		...	9 346 8
Wardha ..	...	.	4,931	.	2,937 8	9 963 12	...	292 4	...	18,124 8
Balaghat	..	...	998	126 0	888 8	2,781 4	...	...	52 10	4,846 6
Jubbulpore	120	145	3,623	69 0	1,319 8	8,294 8		133 8	..	13 714 8
Saugor .		...	1,822	140 0	1,596 0	5,839 0	..	218 8		9 615 8
Damoh ..	..	..	1,081	47 4	393 8	2 903 12	...	45 12	...	4 471 4
Seoni .	...	.	1,278	88 4	661 8	2,588 8	.			4,611 4
Mandla .	...	..	332	48 0	271 8	1,184 8	...	4 12	...	1,840 12
Hoshangabad .	...	..	4,034	...	3 974 0	8,161 8	...	391 4	...	16,560 12
Betul	.	.	860	171 12	1,750 8	2,599 8	...	56 12	...	5,438 8
Narsinghpur ..	..		3,102	246 8	2,225 8	7,311 8	..	341 0	70 12	13,297 4
Chhindwara		.	1,610	211 8	1,168 4	4,512 0	..	41 4	..	7,543 0
Nimar	..	...	3,225	24 12	1,673 0	6,586 4	..	24 4	...	11,533 4
Raipur		..	2,531		1,466 8	7,454 4	...	...		11,451 12
Sambalpur			1,076	43 8	561 0	3,260 0	...	..	3 12	4 944 4
Bilaspur			1,195	40 8	570 0	3,969 4		28 0	.	5 802 12
Total	156	225	14,643	1 613 4	29,560 1	1,10,590 0	1	1,864 4	127 10	1 88,780 6

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of processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, year 1886.

(2) Charges.												(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges, Special Rule VI.
In separate detail for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.									Collectively for the District.			
Naib Nazirs.			Peons.						Contingencies.			
			1st Class at Rs. 10.		2nd Class at Rs. 8.		3rd Class at Rs. 6.					
Class and period for which employed	Total salary.	Salary of European bailiff.	Number on last day	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Heads of charges	Charges under each head.	Grand total of all charges (Columns 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21.)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Rs	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs	No.	Rs		Rs.	Rs.	
10	2,125	720	13	1,517	12	1,125	100	7,725	Process forms, Registers, other Stationery, Official Postage, Server's badges, Furniture, &c.	633	13,845	208
3	570	...	1	117	4	368	33	2,190		134	3,379	...
4	735	..	3	360	5	473	31	2,33 4		78	3,980	60
5	895		3	347	4	364	44	3,004		452	5,062	...
1	171	...	1	120	1	94	14	1,003		28	1,416	30
2	418	720	5	594	4	383	42	2,738		268	5,121	...
4	778	...	3	349	5	400	57	2,809		129	4,465	4
2	420	...	4	476	1	96	24	1,650		13	2,664	14
1	180	...	3	360	1	96	17	1,175		9	1,820	87
...	...	...	1	119	...	...	10	786		23	928	81
5	758	...	8	998	4	368	43	3,241		284	5,649	...
2	364	...	4	443	2	104	20	1,121		56	088	...
3	621	...	4	472	6	576	38	2,878		143	4,690	222
2	480		4	477	2	191	20	1,721		32	2,901	...
2	435	.	6	720	1	96	24	1,964		37	3,252	18
3	595	...	2	239	3	279	41	2,666		60	3,633	...
2	414	...	2	238	2	192	17	1,808		19	2,671	221
2	442	...	2	236	2	192	50	2,152		191	3,213	251
53	10,401	1,440	69	8,182	59	5,397	625	42,968		2,589	70,977	1,196

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1886.

PART I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for declaration of insolvency.														Persons declared to be insolvents.									Remarks.
	Number of applications dealt with.								Applications disposed of.						Number of insolvents before the Court				Disposed of.					
		Filed during the year							Granted.		Rejected.										Discharged			
		By judgment debtors																						
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decrees holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Nagpur ...	17	57	3	..	...	77	..	24	6	30	8	...	...	68	9	4	36	...	40	...	...	30	6	4
Chanda ...	3	...	5	...	..	8	...	3	..	4	...	...	..	7	1	4	5	..	9	...	...	4	4	1
Bhandara ...	1	4	1	...	...	6	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	6	...	...	3	..	3	...	...	3	...	...
Wardha ...	4	3	14	...	..	21	..	6	...	2	7	...	...	15	6	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	..	...
Balaghat ...	1	3	..	...	...	4	...	...	..	..	3	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..
Jubbulpore ...	4	7	13	...	...	24	..	11	3	3	6	...	..	23	1	...	6	...	6	...	...	3	3	...
Saugor ...	...	4	1	...	...	5	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	5	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	2	2	...
Damoh ...	...	4	...	...	..	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	3	..	...
Seoni ...	...	6	2	...	...	8	...	6	...	1	1	..	...	8	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Mandla ...	1	1	...	..	..	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	..	2	...	...	2	...	...
Hoshangabad ..	...	9	1	...	...	10	..	...	...	..	9	...	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...
Betul ...	...	1	5	...	...	6	...	2	...	3	1	...	..	6	..	...	5	...	5	...	..	5	...	..
Narsinghpur ...	...	28	2	...	...	30	...	12	3	5	1	...	...	21	9	...	8	...	8	...	...	5	1	2
Chhindwara ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	..	..
Nimar ...	2	17	3	...	...	22	..	9	4	4	5	...	..	22	...	..	10	...	10	...	...	5	5	...
Raipur ...	...	8	4	...	...	12	..	10	..	2	...	..	...	12	...	...	2	..	2	..	...	2	...	...
Sambalpur ...	2	5	6	...	...	13	..	2	7	2	2	...	...	13	...	...	9	..	9	...	...	2	5	2
Bilaspur ...	...	...	3	..	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	1	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total {1886..	35	158	63	...	...	256	...	91	24	65	46	...	...	226	30	9	96	...	105	...	..	70	26	9
Total {1885...	40	137	5[illegible]	1	2	235	.	105	23	43	29	...	...	200	35	10	65	...	75	..	..	41	26	8

STATEMENT No. IX.—Contd.

PART II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of receivers at the close of the year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur	7	6	1	12	1,63,989	2,024	893	10,338	1,55,675	249	14,592	10,862	3,979	
Chanda	...	.	...	.	...	.	...	...	-	..	...	...	...	
Bhandara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	
Wardha	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat	...	...	...	..	1,378	..	...	..	1,378	...	..	...	.	
Jubbulpore	6	2	3	5	18,793	7,820	1,122	169	25,322	21	154	169	6	
Sugaor ..	...	1	..	1	...	21,564	...	...	21,564	...	8,903	..	8,903	
Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni	.	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla	.	...		..	..	...		..		...	.	...	...	
Hoshangabad		..	...	...	...	..	—	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Betul	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur	..	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	51	...	51	
Chhindwara	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.		
Nimar	4	4	3	5	7,320	6,103	2,880	6,117	7,306	6	1,982	1,951	37	
Raipur	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	.	..	...	..	..	...	
Samlalpur . ..	...	7	5	2	...	1,708	397	186	1 522	...	186	186	...	
Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	-	...	...	...	..	
Total ... 1886 .	17	23	13	27	1,91,480	39,219	5,292	16,810	2,12,767	276	25 858	13 166	12,976	
Total ... 1885 ..	16	11	10	17	2,97,915	23,488	1,646	16,654	3,12,736	1,17,809	11,594	1,29,127	276	